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FIFTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida, assembled in Annual Grand Communication, in the city of Jacksonville, at H.·. 12, on Tuesday, the 21st day of January, A.·.L.·. 5879, A. D. 1879.

PRESENT:

M.·. W.·. W. A. McLean, - - - Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Zelotes H. Mason, - Deputy Grand Master.
" Geo. S. Hallmark, - - Senior Grand Warden.
" J. Fogarty - - - Junior Grand Warden.
" Hy. Robinson, - - - Grand Treasurer.
" D. C. Dawkins, - - - Grand Secretary.
Rt. Rev. John Penny, - - - - Grand Chaplain.
W. Jos. A. Hildreth - - Grand Marshal.
" Robert J. Perry, - - Senior Grand Deacon.

W. Wm. M. McIntosh, Jr., - Junior Grand Deacon.
" J. Ira Gore, - - - Grand Standard Bearer.
" Wm. F. Sylvester, - - Grand Sword Bearer.
" J. F. Drudy, - - *as* Senior Grand Steward.
" S. H. Benjamin - - *as* Junior Grand Steward.
" M. N. Parcells, - - - Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS :

Wm. B. Taylor, S. Benjamin, B. M. Simms.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

D. C. Dawkins, S. Pasco, A. J. Russell, Enos Wasgate.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

A. J. Lea, W. B. Taylor, H. W. Long.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Elias Earle.

PAST GRAND SECRETARY.

H. A. Corley.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

of the Grand Lodges of Canada, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, New York, New Hampshire, Oregon, Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina, Vermont, Indian Territory, Prince Edward Islands, and

BRETHREN REPRESENTING PARTICULAR LODGES

bearing the following numbers, to wit: 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49,

50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 58, 60, 62, 65, 67, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 86; total, 61.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form with solemn and appropriate prayer to Almighty God, conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced that he had previously appointed Brothers W. E. Anderson, J. Ira Gore, and Jas. F. Clark, a committee on Returns and Credentials.

On motion, adopted: All regular Master Masons in good standing are invited to attend this Grand Communication.

On motion, adopted: The reading of the Minutes of the last Annutl Grand Communication was dispensed with.

P.·.G.·.M.·. A. J. Russell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That this Grand Lodge invite visiting brother J. J. Long, to serve us during the present session as Grand Organist; and that the Grand Secretary extend the invitation to him.

The committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials report that we have examined all documents placed in our hands, and append hereto a tabular statement from the returns, showing the statistics thereof, and who are entitled to represent Lodges at this Grand Communication.

We decline to examine the return of Orange Creek Lodge, No. 54, because the charter appears to be forfeited. Numbers 8, 28, 54, and 59 appear to be vacant.

We have eighty-two working chartered Lodges: of which seventy-one have made returns and eleven have failed to do so. Sixty-five returns are found correct and six incorrect.

Brown Lodge No. 51 should drop the name of R. M. Elzey from its list of members, he being a charter member of Bronson Lodge No. 7.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. E. ANDERSON,
J. IRA GORE,
J. F. CLARK.
} *Committee.*

Statistical Table from Returns and Credentials.—Continued.

Lodges.	Number.	Represented by—	No. of Members last report.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Ministers.	Emeritus.	Deaths.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Rejected.	Present Members.	Amount dues.	Amount paid.	Remarks.
Jackson	1	H. A. Corley, W. M., W. M. McIntosh, Jr., S. W	44	...	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	4	...	...	42	$46	$46	Correct...
Washington	2		18	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	17	16	16	Incorrect
Harmony	3	Theophilus West, W. M	22	...	...	1	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	21	18	18	Correct...
Coe	4		16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	14	16	.....	Correct...
Hiram	5	S. Pasco, W. M	38	6	4	4	1	1	2	4	...	2	1	...	...	42	45	45	Incorrect
Bronson	7	H. P. Jackson, W. M., C. E. Taylor, S. W., J. M. Jackson, Jr., proxy for J.W.	19	2	2	2	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	21	23	23	Correct...
Waldo	10	S. J. Kennard	26	7	11	11	7	...	2	...	1	2	...	...	4	.....	46	49	Correct...
Madison	11	E. S. Tyner. W. M., W. E. Howell, S. W	27	1	...	1	...	...	2	5	1	2	...	...	...	25	22	22	Correct...
Cherry Hill	12	G. B. Ellis, W. M	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	...	...	...	15	14	14	Correct...
Welborn	13		17	1	...	...	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	20	18	18	Correct...
Dade	14	R. J. Perry, W. M., J. Fogarty, proxy for S. and J. W	113	5	4	4	3	...	1	2	2	1	2	...	1	115	122	122	Correct...
Escambia	15	G. E. Wentworth, W. M	68	3	3	3	2	4	1	1	2	1	7	...	10	67	78	78	Correct...
Santa Rosa	16		61	6	4	2	3	...	2	4	2	3	1	...	3	60	66	.....	Correct...
Perry	17	T. B. McAuley, S. W., J. H. Sappington, proxy for J. W	26	...	...	1	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	30	29	23	Correct...
Duval	18	J. O. Boag, J. W., and proxy for W. M	87	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	3	1	16	...	1	.....	83	83	Incorrect
Marion	19	John Cordero, W. M., H. H. Schwerin, S.W	35	4	4	1	1	...	2	...	...	1	2	...	...	34	39	39	Correct...
Solomon	20	L. McConihe, W. M., Hy. Robinson, S. W., T.T. Stockton, J. W.	82	3	3	3	1	2	2	1	2	1	6	...	2	79	88	88	Correct...
Withlacochee	22	J. T. Godfrey, W. M	26	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	2	6	...	...	19	25	25	Correct...
Crawfordville	23	W. W. Walker, W. M	20	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	21	21	21	Correct...
Naval	24	C. McK. Oerting, W.M	37	...	...	...	...	3	1	4	1	3	1	1	3	34	35	35	Correct...
Hillsborough	25		42	2	1	1	2	2	4	3	3	...	...	...	1	44	42	42	Correct...
Alachua	26	F. P. Olmsted, W. M	9	2	2	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	15	15	Incorrect
Lake City	27	J. Potsdamer, W. M., J. J. Young, proxy for S. W., Alex'r. Davidson, J. W.	36	4	3	2	1	...	3	2	1	1	4	...	...	33	38	38	Correct...
Micanopy	29	Jas. Croxton, W. M., L. T. S. Pardee, S. W., S. H. Benjamin, J. W.	41	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	...	...	42	44	44	Correct...
Brooksville	30		38	3	3	2	...	...	2	...	1	3	9	2	...	25	40	.....	Incorrect
Manatee	31	E. Glazier, proxy for W. M	44	3	2	2	4	...	6	1	...	4	...	...	1	47	47	47	Correct...
Callahan	32	E. Harrison, W. M	29	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	26	31	31	Correct...

Statistical Table from Returns and Credentials.—Concluded.

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Jefferson	33	Thomas H. Edwards, proxy for officers	33	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	33	$30	$30	Correct
Palatka	34	W. A. Evans, W. M.	27	5	4	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	32	36	36	Correct
Mikesville	35	J. S. Niblack, W. M	13	6	6	6	5	...	1	...	1	...	3	...	...	20	23	23	Correct
Orange	36	J. J. Combs, W. M.	28	2	2	2	2	...	6	1	...	2	...	...	...	29	27	27	Correct
Ornan	37	J. S. Edwards, W. M.	16	1	1	1	2	...	2	1	...	1	2	...	...	16	17	17	Correct
Rousseau	39	M. A. Clonts, W. M.	47	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	1	46	44	44	Incorrect
Orion	40	A. McMillan, W. M.	21	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	21	21	21	Correct
Gainesville	41	M. Endel, W. M., Julius Stark, S. W., A. Johnson, J. W.	43	9	8	8	3	2	3	6	5	2	...	...	1	49	56	56	Correct
Bradford	42		30	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	31	33	33	Correct
Stephens	43	W. B. Tedder, S. W.	26	1	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	27	30	27	Incorrect
Hayward	45	B. D. Harrell, W. M	26	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	22	27	27	Correct
Providence	46		26	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	2	4	1	...	...	20	23	.....	Incorrect
Amelia	47	W. F. Scott, W. M.	27	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	27	30	30	Correct
Fort Dade	48	W. C. Sumner, S. W., E. G. Wilder, J. W.	49	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	50	51	51	Correct
Marston	49	John W. Stevens, W. M., D. C. Galbraith, S. W.	32	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	31	29	29	Correct
Shiloh	50	Joel Dewey, W. M.	38	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	37	36	36	Correct
Brown	51	N. R. Carter, W. M.	35	...	1	1	3	...	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	38	34	33	Correct
Lake Butler	52	Geo. W. Epperson, S. W.	27	1	3	4	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	33	29	29	Correct
Friendship	53	H. W. Long, W. M.	24	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	23	25	25	Correct
Pasco	55	J. A. Taylor, W. M.	29	2	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	29	32	32	Correct
Orange Spring	56	J. S. Livingston, W. M.	30	3	3	3	1	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	1	31	31	31	Correct
Campbelton	57		15	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	16	16	16	Correct
Lecsburg	58	Wm. Fox, proxy for W. M., A. Stivender, S. W.	37	3	3	2	2	1	...	1	3	3	...	...	1	36	44	51	Correct
Dawkins	60	J. R. Herndon, S. W.	20	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	20	20	6	Correct
Mellonville	62	A. C. Martin, W. M.	15	7	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	16	25	25	Correct
Walton	63		38	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	38	39	.....	Correct
Dr. Felix Varela	64		49	4	5	4	...	1	1	...	...	4	...	1	...	49	57	49	Correct
Fort Mason	65	E. A. Wilson, W. M	30	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	32	33	33	Correct
Ezra	67	J. F. Clark, W. M.	19	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	19	19	19	Correct
Orlando	69	E. A. Richards, W. M	16	...	...	2	6	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	20	27	27	Correct

Orient	70	H. J. Stewart, W. M	32	4	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	3	7	...	1	27	41	44	Correct
Suwannee	71	C. E. Flanders, W. M., R. W. Adams, S. W	19	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	22	20	20	Correct
Troy	73		26	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	5	...	1	23	26	20	Correct
Cedar Key	74	J. I. Gore, proxy for officers	16	9	5	4	2	...	...	1	...	2	3	...	...	17	29	29	Correct
Ancient City	76	J. A. Hildreth, proxy for W. M., E. J. Hyde, J. W	35	4	3	4	1	...	2	...	1	1	1	...	3	37	42	42	Correct
Volusia	77	Thomas F. Drudy, W. M	17	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	16	18	18	Correct
Star	78	John C. White, proxy for officers	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	13	14	14	Correct
Wakulla	80		14	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	13	16	16	Correct
Halifax	81	Jas. P. Belden, proxy for officers	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	12	14	13	Incorrect
Pine	82		9	2	2	2	1	...	...	1	...	1	3	...	...	8	13	13	Correct
Stella	83	L. Jacobs, W. M	9	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	11	13	13	Correct
Land Mark	84	R. R. Strange, S. W	11	4	3	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	18	15	Incorrect
Pine Land	86	J. W. Thomas, W.M., W. G. W. Brooks, S. W., E. H. Padget, J. W	15	4	4	3	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	16	19	19	Correct
Totals	...		2134	136	124	122	98	26	67	73	44	95	95	5	46	2027	2334	2121	

NOTE.—No. 2. List of members not made in full.
No. 5. Due $1 for one omission in 1877,
No. 18. Very irregular—not signed by the master, in consequence of incorrectness.
No. 30. Incomplete for want of Master's signature.
No. 46. Blanks not properly filled on pages two and three, and present membership twenty instead of nineteen.
No. 57. Pages two and three not properly filled, and some initials only instead of first names.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master read the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Another year, with its joys and sorrows, pleasant associations and bitter disappointments, is numbered with the past, and we have assembled, according to appointment and constitutional requirement, to review the transactions of the year, and, by appropriate legislation, form plans for the future; and with profound gratitude to the Giver of all good, I congratulate you on the exalted privilege enjoyed by you to-day, in being permitted by a kind Providence to assemble together for the purpose of meeting the responsibilities and discharging the important duties devolving upon you as members of this the Fiftieth Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida; and as we recount the tender mercies, and call to remembrance the loving kindnesses bestowed upon, and extended to us, by our All-wise and ever indulgent Supreme Grand Master, our hearts should glow with fervent gratitude to the Beneficent Author of our existence, for the manifold blessings and comforts we enjoy; for under His guidance, and by His watchful care over us, we have been mercifully exempted from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday, and have had all things richly to enjoy, while the terrible visitations of the Angel of Death, in unsparing ravages, have been seen and severely felt in other less favored jurisdictions.

The past year has been crowded with memories both sad and pleasant. Thousands of once happy and joyous homes have been made the dwelling places of sorrow and sadness. The voice of distress, resulting from the ravages of disease and the desolations of death, has reached every part of our fair land. Still, in the midst of such scenes of distress

and suffering as was witnessed in portions of the South and Southwest during the past year, it is a pleasant reflection that, with all his imperfections, there is something ennobling in man, and that by noble acts—heroic deeds and self-sacrificing spirit—he is crowned with glory and honor. A grateful people will treasure up in kindly remembrance the many acts of brotherly love—relief and charity extended to, and bestowed upon, suffering humanity during the past year. We have seen that, while men of different sections and opposing parties *may* differ in respect of political economy; while section may be arrayed against section, and party against party; the voice of distress, freighted with human sorrow and human suffering, mingled with the widow's wail and the orphan's cry, is the signal for unity of cause and unity of purpose in noble acts of loving kindness and unfeigned charity.

Opportunities have not been wanting in our respective stations for the manifestation of the noble virtues and the impressive exhibition of the excellent tenets of our profession. How we have acquitted ourselves in the discharge of the responsible duties devolving upon us becomes a proper subject for our serious consideration. As Time, once past, never returns, so lost opportunities may be regarded as lost forever; and, in so far as we have failed to improve our opportunities for working out and securing faithful results in blessings to our fellow-men, to that extent have we failed to secure to ourselves rich and bounteous blessings, resulting from practical labor enjoined and faithful obedience required. It is eminently proper, therefore, to call to remembrance the failures of the past, and to form new resolutions for the future; and in order that you may be fully prepared for every good word and work, in the discharge of the important duties before you, fail not to remember the important lesson impressed upon the mind of every brother, that before entering upon any great and im-

portant undertaking, first of all, implore the aid of Deity, that you may be enabled to display the beauties of holiness to the honor of His holy name.

According to custom, it becomes my duty to lay before you the transactions of the Grand Master's office for your consideration and approval, or rejection, as in the exercise of a sound discretion you may deem to be wise and expedient for the best interests of the craft.

DECISIONS.

A lagre number of letters have been received from the Lodges and individual Masons propounding questions on Masonic law and usage. In almost every instance these have been answered by a reference to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. Consequently, but few decisions have been made during the year, and they are as follows:

Question: Brother A B is charged with the crime of murder. Has the Lodge a right to try him for the offence before the civil courts take cognizance of the matter?

Answer: A member charged with the crime of murder may be tried by his Lodge at any time. The trial or investigation need not be delayed to such time as the courts may move in the matter. A sound discretion, however, should be exercised on the part of the Lodge: as to whether or not a Masonic trial or investigation is likely to defeat the ends of justice by putting the offender on his guard, and causing him to absent himself, so that the law cannot be en forced against him: or will have a tendency to bias or prejudice the minds of his peers for or against him, are proper subjects for consideration by the Lodge, and in the consideration of which it must be governed by existing circumstances.

Q. Has the Lodge the right to try a member charged with the crime of murder while such member is under sentence of suspension for non-payment of dues?

A. Suspension for non-payment of dues does not relieve the suspended brother from his Masonic obligations; nor does it deprive his Lodge of jurisdiction over him. If, during his suspension, he should be guilty of gross unmasonic conduct, his Lodge has the power to try him on charges, and expel him.

Q. An applicant presents his petition to the Lodge and, by vote of the Lodge, action on the petition is deferred to the next regular Communication, Does that action of the Lodge deprive the applicant of the right to withdraw his petition before further action of the Lodge?

A. Such action does not deprive the applicant of the right to withdraw his petition. A petition, until received, is not the property of the Lodge. When a petition is presented, the Lodge may receive or refuse to receive it, as, in the exercise of its discretion, may be deemed for the best interests of the Lodge and Masonry in general

Q. When a brother is under sentence of suspension for a cause other than non-payment of dues, are the dues of such suspended brother continuous?

A. In the absence of any express provision in the matter of dues of a brother suspended for causes other than non-payment of dues, I am of the opinion that dues should not be required during the time of suspension, as a suspended brother is cut off from all the benefits and privileges of Masonry. To require the payment of dues for and during the time of suspension, cannot be regarded in any other light than as oppressive and unjust. We hold out to the world, and especially to the Masonic brotherhood, the idea that rights and duties go hand in hand, and

in regular order depend the one upon the other. We cannot, therefore, in justice to ourselves, require the performance of duties while the rights and benefits are denied.

Entertaining these views, which I believe to be founded in equity, the attention of the Grand Lodge is directed to Rule No. 228, making continuous the dues of those suspended for non-payment of dues. In my opinion, no good can result to the Craft by continuing in force a provision so manifestly inconsistent with equity. I therefore recommend that the existing regulation, as contained in that rule, be repealed.

Application was made by Ancient City Lodge No. 76 for a dispensation to authorize that Lodge to receive and act upon the petition of an officer in the United States Army. I declined to grant the dispensation, for the reason that, while the applicant had no permanent place of residence, still, he had been for nine months or more stationed within the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge. I was of the opinion that his application should be made to the nearest Lodge within that jurisdiction, and more especially as he was here only on short leave of absence.

During the recess of the Grand Lodge it became my duty, for good and sufficient cause, to remove from office the Junior Grand Steward. Certain papers relating to the matter, and upon which my action in the premises was predicated, are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and will be at your disposal.

During the past summer I received a communication from P. G. M. Enos Wasgate, then at May Port, Florida, informing me of what, at first view, would seem to be a novel, and at the same time, most remarkable proceeding—it being nothing less than a Masonic funeral in the absence of an organized Lodge. A worthy brother, hailing from a distant jurisdiction, but some years a resident of Florida, in the last hours of decaying nature, when about to close

his eyes on the world, and walk through the dark valley and shadow of death, made earnest request for Masonic burial. Immediately after death, the facts were reported to brother Wasgate, and there being no means of transportation to the nearest Lodge, twenty-five miles distant, and the body being in such condition as not to admit of delay, the Masons in the immediate vicinity, some ten or twelve in number, were gathered together, an emergent Lodge opened without form, the funeral ceremonies performed, and the emergent Lodge closed without ceremony. Thus the dying request of a worthy brother was complied with, to the gratification of his bereaved and sorrowing family. I approved the action, and communicated the facts to the Lodge of which the deceased brother was a member.

Having no doubt but that the action in this particular case will meet your approbation, as the request of a worthy brother for Masonic burial is a matter of such solemn import as not to be disregarded with impunity, I recommend that suitable provision be made for such cases of similar character as may occur in the future.

DISPENSATIONS.

Believing it to be for the best interests of Masonry, the dispensing prerogative of the Grand Master has been exercised in granting dispensations as follows:

Jan. 11. 1878.—To Pine Land Lodge No. 86, for public installation of officers.

March 8.—To Ezra Lodge No. 67, to pass the ballot on application of a F. C. for the M. M. degree, the applicant being about to leave the jurisdiction to be absent for an indefinite time. Proficiency vouched for.

March 11—To Campbellton Lodge No. 57, to elect and instal officers, on account of failure of the Lodge to elect officers within the time prescribed by the constitution.

March 11.—To Cedar Key Lodge No. 74, to ballot on

the application of a F. C. for the M. M. degree. Also ot pass the ballot on application of an E. A. for advancement, for the purpose of furnishing material for exemplification of work on occasion of Grand Visitation.

April 8.—To Jackson Lodge No. 1, to ballot on application of a F. C. for M. M. degree. Applicant about to leave the State. Proficiency vouched for.

April 8.—To Dade Lodge No. 14, to be present at the ceremonies of laying corner stone of Odd Fellows Hall at Key West.

April 13.—To Dr. Felix Varela Lodge No. 64, to attend the ceremonies of laying corner stone of Odd Fellows Hall at Key West.

April 25.—To Fort Myers Lodge No. 72, to elect and instal officers—the Lodge having failed to elect officers at the proper time, because of the absence of all the members.

May 13.—To Rousseau Lodge No. 39, to elect and instal a Secretary, the brother elected to that office having declined to be installed.

June 17.—To Hiram Lodge No. 5, to appear in regalia and celebrate St. John's Day with Meridian Lodge No. 119, at Thomasville, Georgia.

Oct. 8.—To Mellonville Lodge No. 62, to change place of meeting temporarily to Sanford, on account of high water rendering it impossible to meet in their Lodge room.

Nov. 27.—To Lake City Lodge No. 27, to ballot on application of a candidate for advancement, and also for the M. M. degree, to finish material for exemplification of work on occasion of Grand Visitation.

Dec. 3.—To Escambia Lodge No. 15, to pass the ballot on the application of a candidate for advancement, and for the M. M. degree, the applicant being in the marine service

of the United States government, and ordered to another station, to be absent for an indefinite time.

Dec. 24.—To Rousseau Lodge No. 39, to continue the work and business of the Lodge in the absence of the charter, the same having been destroyed by fire.

Dec. 28.—To Escambia Lodge No. 15, to ballot on application of a candidate for advancement, and also for the M. M. degree, the applicant being in the marine service, and about to leave the jurisdiction, to be absent for several years.

Jan. 1, 1879.—To Suwannee Lodge No. 71, to publicly instal the officers of the Lodge.

Jan. 1.—To Green Cove Spring Lodge No. 75, to elect and instal their officers, the Lodge having failed to elect officers at the proper time, on account of the absence of the W. M.

NEW LODGE.

Aug. 29.—To the requisite number of brethren recommended by Callahan Lodge No. 32, for a new Lodge, to be called King's Ferry Lodge U. D., located at King's Ferry, Nassau County.

On the 7th of September, I appointed brother W. B. Steele W. M., of Old Walton Lodge U. D., the brother previously appointed to that office having been removed by death; and the said appointment having caused a vacancy in the office of Senior Warden of said Lodge, I appointed brother James G. Davidson to fill the vacancy. This Lodge will, in all probability, apply for a charter at the present Grand Annual Communication.

I approved amended By-Laws of Ancient City Lodge

No. 76, Walton 67, and Palatka 34, changing time of meetings.

I also approved amended By-Laws of Solomon Lodge No. 20, providing for life-membership.

By reference to the proceedings of 1877, it will be seen that a resolution was introduced providing for life-membership. This resolution was referred to the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and was placed before that committee during the last hours of the session, and after the final report of the committee had been prepared, when there was not sufficient time to prepare a report upon the proposition contained in the resolution; but, upon consultation, it was the opinion of the committee that their report as already prepared would authorize Lodges to so amend their By-Laws as to provide for life-membership. But, by reference to the report of the committee, it will be seen that the matter is not provided for in such manner as to dispose of the resolution.

Being fully advised as to the intention of the committee, I approved amended By-Laws, and for the additional reason that the fund arising from life-membership in this Lodge is intended for the benefit of this Grand Lodge. I gave the amendment my approval on the 21st day of November, and already a sum of money, amounting to several hundred dollars, has been raised. Correspondence and other papers pertaining to the matter will be at your disposal.

A few days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge last year, the charter of Volusia Lodge No. 77, was surrendered to the Grand Master. Since that time, on petition of the members of that Lodge, it appearing that the charter was surrendered by the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden without Lodge action, and without the knowledge or consent of any other member of the Lodge, I ordered

the charter restored, and authorized the Lodge to elect and instal officers.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

Duplicate charters have been ordered and issued as follows:

Oct. 8.—To Putnam Lodge No. 61, their charter having been destroyed by fire.

Dec. 20.—To Franklin Lodge No. 6, their charter having been lost or mislaid.

Dec. 28.—To Rousseau Lodge No. 39, their charter having been destroyed by fire.

HALIFAX LODGE NO. 81.

Application was made by Halifax Lodge No. 81, for a change of location from Port Orange to Daytona, a distance of six miles, and that the Lodge be permanently located at the latter place. Being fully advised as to the absolute necessity for the change, I granted the request, thereby giving the Lodge a new lease of existence. I trust that my action will be approved, as otherwise the charter must of necessity be surrendered.

During the year a communication was received from a former member of Hamilton Lodge No. 22, complaining of the action of Withlacoochee Lodge No. 22, in the matter of a trial and expulsion; and in order that I might be fully advised as to the matters of complaint, I requested the Secretary of Withlacoochee Lodge to furnish a record of the proceedings in the case. Upon inspection of the record, it appears that, so far as the power and authority of the Grand Master extends, the case is *res adjudicata*. The papers connected with the matter are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and will be at your disposal for such action, if any, as may be deemed proper in the premises.

The matter of the application of W. M. Saunders, re-

ferred to me at the last Grand Annual Communication, I have been unable to dispose of, as, from all the information that I have been able to obtain, the case presents difficulties such as the Grand Lodge can alone adjust. The applicant was a member of Dawson Lodge No. 51, and during his membership was tried on charges preferred against him, and acquitted. In consequence of the action of the Lodge in said matter, the charter was revoked by the Grand Lodge. I therefore refer the matter back to the Grand Lodge for such action in the premises as may be deemed proper, as under the circumstances, I did not feel authorized to grant the desired relief.

An organization, purporting to be the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, as also that of New Mexico, are candidates for official recognition.

With reference to the former, a communication was received from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, directing attention to certain irregularities alleged to exist in the formation of said organization. To this communication I replied, stating that the matter would be laid before the Grand Lodge. The communication referred to will be placed in the hands of the appropriate committee for such disposition as may be deemed proper.

The W. M. of Escambia Lodge No. 15 asked my opinion with reference to a case reported by him, as follows:

A worthy brother of several years' residence at Pensacola, whose membership is in a Lodge holding its charter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France, desires to affiliate with Escambia Lodge No. 15. For several years past he has been endeavoring to obtain a demit from his Lodge, but without success; and is not informed as to whether the Lodge is still in existence or not, as he has no response to any of his communications. Having done all in his power to withdraw from and sever his connection with the Grand

Orient of France, what is the duty of the Lodge in the premises?

I have searched in vain for a parallel case; and while fully appreciating the situation, and deeply sympathizing with the brother in his unfortunate position, still, I did not feel authorized to grant relief, preferring that the matter be disposed of by the Grand Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Immediately after the last session of the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary, under my direction, addressed a communication to our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ohio, requesting the return of his commission, as I desired to make a change, by the appointment of another in his stead. In due time he responded, complying with the request. I then appointed brother S. Stacker Williams Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Other Grand Representatives have been appointed and commissioned as follows:

For Prince Edward's Island, Adam Murray; Scotland, George Fisher; Indian Territory, R. J. Hogue; New Hampshire, Charles N. Towle.

As it becomes necessary for the Grand Master, in the discharge of official duty, to issue important documents, at times when the Grand Lodge seal is not accessible, it is recommended that a suitable seal be procured for the use of the Grand Master.

So far as I am advised, none of our members have died during the year. In this respect, we have been more highly favored than our sister jurisdictions. I received a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, conveying the sad intelligence of the death of M. W. Frank Welch, Grand Master of that jurisdiction to

this, on behalf of the Grand Lodge. I responded in appropriate terms.

R. W. Charles H. Titus, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, after a long life of usefulness, died on the 29th of October, full of years, of Masonic honors, and crowned with noble virtues. The respect paid to his memory by the Grand Lodge of which he was a member fully attests the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren.

The large amount of labor required in the Grand Secretary's office immediately preceding and during the session of the Grand Lodge, made it necessary to appoint an assistant. I therefore appointed brother William A. Young, who is not only worthy, but well qualified for the position. This action, I doubt not, will be approved, as the same course has been pursued by my predecessors, though no mention has been made of it in the printed proceedings.

My associations with the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and with the Masons generally throughout the jurisdiction, have been of the most pleasant character. On the occasion of official visitations, I have been greeted with the most cordial reception; and to each and all, I return my grateful acknowledgments for kindnesses bestowed and services rendered. And, in this connection, duty and gratitude enjoins it upon me to mention particularly my obligations to our R. W. Grand Secretary. Those best acquainted with him—and you all know his high attainments and worth—will think it not strange to be said, that to him more than any other am I indebted for wise counsels and valuable assistance. May he long be spared to the Grand Lodge of Florida, for of him it can be truly said, he honors his station—none can excel him.

It is usually expected of one so highly favored as to enjoy the exalted distinction of presiding in the "Grand East," that he will, on such occasion as this, bring up from a well-filled treasury of knowledge and wisdom, sparkling gems of eloquence for the edification of the votaries of our time-honored institution; but I come not to you with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, declaring unto you the sublime principles and teachings of the Order, or the mysteries of our Art; but that which you had from the beginning—Masonry as it was, and as it ever shall be—noble in design and glorious in its conquests, casting down every evil imagination and false doctrine of disobedience that exalteth itself in opposition to the pure principles and sublime teachings of this noble brotherhood for the establishment of the truth.

For your encouragement, I may be permitted to say that from my observation during the past year, I am of the opinion that, in our own, and many other jurisdictions, Masonry never occupied a higher plane of purity and progress than at the present time, and the indications point to increased effort on the part of the fraternity to elevate its moral standard so high as to impress the better classes of all nations and kindreds, that its principles are sublime, its morals pure, and that its mission is nothing less than the inculcation of a better, purer, higher life among men.

But this grand achievement, however desirable, can be accomplished only by united effort and practical labor; and first of all, it must be well understood that some grand foundation principle lies at the base of every science; and the sooner it is understood to good purpose that the superstructure of Free Masonry is erected upon a basis higher, purer, and more substantial than mere forms and ceremonies, the better will it be for the Order.

We greatly fear that by far too many of those whose exalted privilege it is to stand within the Mystic Circle, en-

deavor to persuade themselves, and others, that by a faithful observance of the various forms and ceremonies practiced in the Lodge, nothing more is required; and that if the ritual is well understood, they are not only accepted, but acceptable and highly distinguished Masons; but it will not do to depend upon these in Masonry any more than in the Church, for, sooner or later, they become mere empty sound.

It is true, that in all well regulated institutions there must be well regulated system in order to insure well regulated and orderly practices. The one depends upon the other as naturally and necessarily as links are requisite to form a chain. We cannot, therefore, too strongly recommend the observance of forms and ceremonies in their order, and within proper limitations. We have these everywhere—in the pulpit, at the forum, and in all orders of society, from the highest even to the lowest. But, will any man, possessed of enlightened views as to his own natural depravity, and of the duties, responsibilities, and obligations devolving upon him in the necessary preparation for a higher and more glorious state of existence, depend upon his pleasant address and polished manners to recommend him to favorable consideration, independent of those internal qualities and qualifications so essentially necessary to make up the true, the genuine man. All these may serve only as adornments, so far as the outer life is concerned, while the inner life and character displays no beauty or excellence to render it attractive.

There never was a greater mistake on the part of any Mason than that of relying exclusively upon the ceremonial of the order, independent and regardless of the observance of the highest, the best, and purest principles by which every individual Mason should be actuated, influenced and governed in the performance and discharge of the duties

and obligations in respect of the inner as well as the outer life and character.

Another prevailing error is that of regarding Masonry in a merely speculative light; to lay the greatest stress upon doctrines, to the exclusion, almost, of action. Nor is the *sole* object of Masonry in the performance of the operative part. Both speculative and operative Masonry, harmonized, well understood and faithfully practiced, can never fail to bring blessings and faithful results to the Order.

Speculative Masonry must be the basis on which the superstructure of motive, as well as action, is founded; for without a *correct* motive, the best action is devoid of sincerity; but without action—that is, without the performance of the operative part—the best profession is nothing more than a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal—a charm, not only deceiving others, but the professor of sound doctrines may himself slumber away his existence in holy ecstasy of moral indolence, possessed, nevertheless, in imagination, of superior excellence and holiness.

Masonry, therefore, should be practical in every sense as well as theoretical. A Mason cannot escape the conviction that the sublime principles and teachings of the Institution are well calculated, in their nature and tendency, to ennoble the mind, expand the imagination, and prepare him for the highest and noblest conquests in his labor of love in establishing the truth.

Mere morality—as that term is usually understood—is not of itself a sufficient qualification; for a man may be *strictly* moral—observe with rigid exactness all the commands of the decalogue, and yet be so selfish as to show forth conclusively that he is utterly destitute of a single Masonic qualification. A Mason must be possessed of a heart in which dwells the fear of God—a heart capable of sympathizing with human sorrows, and feeling for others' woes; he should be known as a man of benevolence and

charity, and manifest a genial spirit and feeling of brotherhood to all.

Masonry instructs the mind, improves the intellect, expands the imagination, and, at the same time, enjoins acts of devotion by performing practical labor, without which the best society, established upon the highest moral principles, must and will fail to be perpetuated, and as such will, sooner or later, fall into utter ruin.

When we turn to the Holy Bible, that great Masonic luminary, given us as the rule and guide of our faith and practice, we find, on perpetual record, these admonitions, "Keep the *heart* with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life," for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and proceeding from this, confession is made unto salvation. And, again, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." All knowledge and all wisdom proceedeth from, and is communicated to us, by the Author of our existence; and to look for light, for knowledge, wisdom, or substantial happiness, and expect to obtain it from any other source, or by any means other than by walking in the counsels of the Most High, may be compared to an effort to produce fruit independent of the tree, or an attempt to draw from wells without water. The vessel descends, but returns ever dry.

Walking in the counsels of God; devotedness to His teachings; the cultivation of the heart, and its warm sympathies and affections, in the knowledge and love of God, is the only way to attain to a high Masonic character. Hence, the very first preparation for admission to its mysteries must, of necessity, be made in the heart; that is, the heart must be prepared by meditation and examination for the reception of Masonic truth and the assumption of Masonic obligation. Can it be possible that a man who is destitute of heart, or, if you please, a heart in which dwells

not the fear of God, can become an accepted and acceptable Mason? Just as impossible is it, as that a corrupt fountain can send forth a pure stream. First make the fountain pure, and then, but not before, will the stream flowing from it be pure.

Think not, my brethren, that by increase in numbers you are gaining strength. Every addition to your ranks, when the material is not such as to stand the test of the Supreme Grand Master's square, will prove to be so many additions of weakness and evidences of decline.

It is not to be wondered at, my brethren, that we are sometimes disappointed and distressed because of the failure of some to come up to the full measure of obligation and duty, when we reflect that those so failing are—like rejected stones—unfit for the builder's use, and should have been denied the peculiar favor and exalted privilege of admission to our mysteries. If they have not the internal preparation they are utterly incapable of appreciating the divine spirit, active charity, and broad benevolence of Freemasonry. Without such preparation, they will prove recreant to every trust and false to every vow.

We conclude, then, that no man, whatever may be his station in life or position in society, should ever be permitted to contract the vows or assume the obligations appertaining to the order, unless he be a man of heart—a heart in which dwells the fear of God—a man of generous impulses, broad and boundless benevolence and charity, and possessed of virtues.

May the glorious day be not far distant when existing evils shall have been corrected; much needed deficiencies supplied; the indolent drones of indifference and inactivity be abated by being cast out from the busy hive of industry and progress; and when the outer door of the Masonic

sanctuary shall be so closely tiled that none but the good, the true, and the virtuous shall be enabled to gain admission to its honors and joys; when the nations of the earth shall behold with joyous admiration the excellent glory of our mission and the purity of our practices, and exclaim, in joyous exultation: "How good, and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in the courts of the Lord, for there the Lord commands His blessing—for there His name is known and loved, acknowledged and honored."

Then shall the faithful join the full chorus in anthems of praise, exclaiming: "Not unto us, O Lord of Hosts, not unto us; but unto thy name be glory and honor, power and dominion, praise and adoration for glorious conquests —the triumph of truth!

Brethren, my official record is before you, and in so far as you may find occasion to approve, I shall feel that, in part, at least, I have been enabled to meet the responsibilities and properly discharge the important duties required in the high position in which you have placed me. Should you, on the other hand, find aught to condemn, I shall humbly and gracefully bow to your better judgment and superior wisdom; consoling myself with the reflection that to err is human, and that to be free from the possibility of error in judgment, we must cease to be human, and be transferred

To the celestial lodge above,
Beyond the changing scenes of time,
Where all our nature will be love,
And perfection ne'er decline.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon the Grand Lodge of Florida, and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us!

P.·.G.·.M.·. A. J. Russell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the general matter in the Grand Master's Address,

together with such matter as relates to decisions and rulings upon law, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That so much as relates to Charters and Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That so much as relates to Appeals, and kindred cases, be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

That so much as relates to Deceased Brethren be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

M.·.W.·. W. A. McLean, Grand Master, then appointed the following standing committees:

On Masonic Jurisprudence: Brothers Enos Wasgate, Samuel Pasco, J. A. Hildreth, Marcus Endel, and Hy. Robinson.

On Dispensations and By-Laws: Brothers J. Fogarty, J. P. Belden, J. O. Boag, Wm. Fox, A. C. Martin, and S. H. Benjamin.

On Propositions and Grievances: Brothers George E. Wentworth, Theophilus West, C. McK. Oerting, J. Potsdamer, and M. A. Clontz.

On Finance and Accounts: Brothers Geo. S. Hallmark, R. J. Perry, W. B. Taylor, and H. A. Corley.

On Unfinished Business: Brothers Simon Benjamin, J. J. Combs, J. S. Livingston, and A. W. C. Trice.

On Memorials: Brothers H. W. Long, E. Glazier, E. J. Hyde, J. T. Godfrey.

On Education: Brothers A. J. Russell, W. A. Evans, N. R. Carter, L. Jacobs, and W. F. Scott.

On Visitors: Brothers L. McConihe, W. M. McIntosh, Jr., and E. S. Tyner.

On Returns and Credentials: (Previously appointed,) Brothers W. E. Anderson, J. Ira Gore, aud Jas. F. Clark.

Brother George E. Wentworth offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That P.·.M.·. W. E. Anderson, of Escambia Lodge No. 15, be authorized to represent the Senior and Junior Wardens of said Lodge in this Grand Lodge.

Brother L. Jacobs, W.·.M.·. of Stella Lodge No. 83, presented the following communication, which was received:

After the constituting of Stella Lodge No. 83 and installation of its officers, as per date annexed, W.·. brother L. Jacobs, in commemoration of the occasion, proposed to open a subscription list as a nucleus for a fund to be applied to the purchase of land, and of building a Masonic Hall thereon, in the city of Jacksonville, Fla.; and that, when said hall is erected, the income derived from the building, after defraying all expenses, shall be devoted to the erection and endowment of an Asylum somewhere in the interior of the State, where the aged and indigent Masons, their widows and orphans, may be cared for. This fund to be known as the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund of the State of Florida, and to be under the control of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge thereof.

(Signed) LIONEL JACOBS, W.·.M.·. Stella Lodge.
(Signed) GEORGE H. THOM, Stella Lodge.
(Signed) GEORGE H. LUSK, M.·.M.·. New York,

and each contributing $1.00 thereto, dated, Fruitland, Fla., February 26, 1878.

D.·.G.·.M.·. Zelotes H. Mason offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the above communication be referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master announced as such committee, brothers A. J. Russell, W. F. Sylvester, and Elias Earle.

Applications for remission of dues were made in behalf of Rousseau Lodge No 39, Dawkins Lodge No. 60, Fort Mason Lodge No. 65, and Volusia Lodge No. 77, each presenting their pecuniary circumstances, or desires, which was, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Grand Secretary presented the following letter and accompanying circular from Solomon Lodge No. 20, which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws:

SOLOMON LODGE No. 20, F. AND A. M.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., January 9, 1879.

BROTHER D. C. DAWKINS, GRAND SEC. GRAND
LODGE F. & A. M. of FLA.

DEAR SIR and BROTHER : I am instructed by the Board of Trustees of Life Membership Funds of this Lodge, to offer to the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge the sum of $450, life membership funds on hand by this Board, for the purpose indicated in section eight of the Regulations adopted by our Lodge, a copy of which is herewith inclosed.

The Board of Trustees would like to hear from the Grand Lodge concerning the same as soon as convenient.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant and brother,
B. M. BAER,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
L. M. Fund, Solomon Lodge No. 20.

REGULATIONS OF SOLOMON LODGE No. 20, GOVERNING LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

In accordance with the By-Laws of Solomon Lodge No. 20, F. and A. M., the following amendment was unanimously adopted at its Regular Communication, held October 3, 1878, and approved by the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Florida November 21, 1878.

Article II, under the head of "Revenue," is hereafter to read as follows :

"Every member of the Lodge, except such as may be exonerated by ministerial vocation, old age, bodily infirmity, indigency, or life membership, shall pay to the Secretary, for the use of the Lodge, the sum of five dollars per annum, payable quarterly ; and for delinquency, the constitutional provision will be applied."

The following regulations to govern life membership are hereby adopted :

1. Any member in good standing of this Lodge may become a life member thereof, upon payment to the Secretary of the Lodge the sum of fifty dollars. The Secretary's receipt shall specify the purpose for which the same is paid,

and the receipt shall also serve as a certificate of life membership until the Board of Trustees shall adopt a regular form for such certificates.

2. Life members of this Lodge shall be exempt from the payment of regular dues during their natural lives, and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits of the Lodge accorded to any other member, and no more, except that they are not subject to suspension for non-payment of dues.

3. Suspension or expulsion for unmasonic conduct terminates life membership, and operates as a forfeiture of the fee paid therefor ; but a removal of such penalty by restoration, or otherwise, reinstates the life membership simultaneously with the Lodge membership.

4. Dimitting from the Lodge terminates life membership and forfeits the fee paid therefor ; but subsequent affiliation reinstates the member to his previous full rights as a life member.

5. All moneys received by virtue of life membership shall become a permanent endowment fund, the property of the Lodge, and it shall be used only as hereinafter provided.

6. At the Regular Communication of this Lodge, to be held December 19, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878, there shall be elected three or five, as may be deemed expedient, of its life members to constitute, and be styled, "The Board of Trustees of the Life Membership Fund of Solomon Lodge No. 20, F. and A. M.," who shall serve as such until their successors shall be duly elected, the regular term to be for two years. At the Regular Communication of the Lodge in December, 1880, an election shall be held for a new Board in the manner, and at the time of electing the officers of the Lodge, and every two years thereafter. The members of the Board shall be eligible for re-election. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge, whether a life member or not, shall be ex-officio the chairman of said Board ; and in questions before the Board, if at any time there be a tie, he shall have a casting vote. And it shall be the prerogative and duty of said Board of Trustees to supervise, control, and invest the "Life Membership Fund," deeming it a sacred trust, according to the true interest, purpose and meaning of the same.

7. The Board of Trustees may, at their option, and with

the consent of the Lodge, at any time, incorporate themselves under the Benevolent Societies' Incorporation Act of the State of Florida.

8. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to offer to the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of the State of Florida, the moneys which shall come into their possession as a loan, bearing not exceeding 10 per cent. interest per annum, for the sole purpose of purchasing land on which to erect a building for the said Grand Lodge, or to purchase a hall property for its use. If the Grand Lodge accepts the offer, they shall turn over from time to time the sums in their possession to such an officer, or other authorized body of the same, as the Grand Lodge may appoint, and to take such collateral security as the Board of Trustees of this Lodge may deem reasonable and proper, and consistent with the purpose and spirit of Masonry. Should the Grand Lodge accept the loan of the money, on the terms and for the purpose specified, the interest shall be applied towards the payment of Grand Lodge dues for this Lodge, as far as the amount of interest covers said dues.

9. Should the Grand Lodge decline receiving the loan, or whenever the Grand Lodge may return any part or the whole of the loan, the Board of Trustees shall invest the funds in such real or personal property as will be most secure ; and the income thereof shall be applied by the Board, first, to pay Grand Lodge dues for life members ; and, second, if any surplus be left, it may be used in appropriate Masonic charity.

10. The Secretary of the Lodge shall turn over all life-membership funds in his possession as soon as received to the Board of Trustees, and take their receipt therefor.

11. If this Lodge should at any time become dormant, or its charter arrested, the Board of Trustees shall turn over all the moneys, or property and securities of the "Life-Membership Fund" to the M. W. Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. of the State of Florida, until the resuscitation of said Lodge.

12. When a charge of unmasonic conduct, involving suspension or explusion, shall be duly preferred against any member of said Board of Trustees, and the same be ordered

prosecuted by the Lodge, as provided by Masonic law, or rules of the Lodge or Grand Lodge, he shall thereby stand suspended from the said Board pending the trial and investigation ; and if he be suspended or expelled from the Lodge, his connection with the Board shall permanently cease ; and if acquitted, he may be restored to be a member of the Board, at the pleasure of the Lodge.

13. Vacancies in the Board may occur only by death, permanent removal from the Lodge jurisdiction, or by action of the Lodge. A vacancy may be filled by special election of the Lodge at any Regular Communication, upon due notice being given to the members of the Lodge.

14. The Board of Trustees shall keep the proper records and books of their transactions, and a list of life-members, with dates of their becoming so ; and, whenever so required, submit the same to the Lodge, or any properly authorized committee of the Lodge, for inspection. The Board shall also make semi-annual reports to the Lodge of its receipts and expenditures, and make such other reports as the Lodge may at any time direct.

15. No member of the Board shall receive any pay, salary, or any emoluments whatever, for his services ; and no expenses shall be incurred, except for stationery, printing, and other absolutely essential expenses. The Board is hereby authorized to use a part of the interest of this fund for the same, and proper vouchers therefor shall be kept.

16. The Board of Trustees are authorized to adopt such rules for their meetings and guidance as may be deemed necessary, provided the same do not conflict with Masonic usage, and with either the spirit or letter of these regulations.

17. These Regulations shall not be changed in any material point at any time, except on the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and consent of two-thirds of the members of the Lodge, present at a Regular Communication, after due notice to all the members of the Lodge, specifying the object, and then only after having laid over one calendar month after presentation ; but no change shall at any time be made which can be construed as making use of the Life Membership Funds subversive of the purpose for which it

is created, viz: a permanent endowment to Solomon Lodge No. 20, F. and A. M.

Adopted unanimously at a Regular Communication November 21, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878.

T. T. STOCKTON.
Sec'y Solomon Lodge.

L. McCONIHE, W. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to refreshments until 8 o'clock p. m.

5879 JANUARY 21, 8 P. M.

Present, M. W. William A. McLean, Grand Master, and others, as at the morning session.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

W. Brother Simon Benjamin, D. D. G. M., of the Fifth Masonic District, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

To the M. W. Grand Master WM. A. MCLEAN, *and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Florida*:

In conformity with usual requirements, I herewith beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master, Fifth District, for the year just closed.

On February 23, I proceeded to Sumterville to install the officers of the newly chartered Lodge, "Panasofkee 85." To my extreme regret, most of the Brethren were, owing to some local disturbance — a homicide having been committed in the vicinity a few days previous—absent from home. Notwithstanding, I installed Brother Henry S. Cassady the W. M. elect, and instructed him to install the other officers of the Lodge as early as practicable.

I have had no opportunity to visit them subsequently, but from a recent interview with the W. M. learn that, so far, they have done but little work.

On May 11th, I visited Micanopy Lodge No. 29. This being the Regular Communication day, and previous notice having been received of my intended visit, the attendance was very large. The records of this Lodge are well kept, and the most perfect harmony exists among the Brethren. This Lodge has recently fitted up and moved into a new Hall, erected on the same spot where the original and first Lodge Hall was, and where those veteran Brothers, Croxton, Merry, Miller, and others, first saw the

"Light that none but Craftsmen know."

Masonry will never be on the wane in that section, as long as those old brethren are, by a kind Providence, permitted to meet with the Lodge. The average attendance to the monthly meetings here is good.

On the 13th May I had a most pleasant and, I trust, instructive meeting with "Waldo No. 10." Two candidates for the F. C. degree had been previously elected and retained, so as to have material for exemplification of that degree. In this work I had the valuable assistance of P. D. G. M. Wilson. I also lectured upon the other degrees, and the manner of opening and closing the Lodge. The Secretary residing some distance from the town, there were no records present, but have the assurance of the Master, Worshipful Brother Earle, that they are correctly kept. A large field of usefulness is open to that Lodge, and it seems to be the determination of the Master to take advantage of it. The average attendance here is fair.

May 14th—I visited "Cedar Key Lodge No. 74. Owing to the delays on the road, it was quite late in the evening

when I reached there. At the depot, I was met by Brother Gore, the efficient Secretary of the Lodge, and learned that the brethren were already in session. I therefore proceeded to the Lodge-room at once, and was fraternally received, only a limited number of members being present, which was, to a great extent, due to the Lodge being held in a temporarily provided room, the regular Hall undergoing some repairs. I met with them again on the following evening, and rehearsed the work of the third degree. I am happy to report that the Grand Master's visit here was very beneficial. The eagerness that the Brethren here show to perfect themselves in Masonry amply repays for any trouble that a Grand Lodge representative may take in visiting them. The records here are in splendid order, and usual attendance good.

In the forenoon of May 17th I visited "Ornan Lodge No. 37," at Archer. It was the Regular Communication of the Lodge. A candidate for the E. A. degree was balloted for and elected, which afforded material for exemplification. Think this Lodge has been benefited by its removal from its former location to the thriving little village of Archer. A Brother, who had recently affiliated with them, delivered a most instructive lecture upon the ancient history of our order, which was listened to with a great deal of interest. The records are in fair order. Attendance to meetings rather small.

On the evening of the same date, I met with "Bronson Lodge No. 7," also a Regular Communication. I conferred the third degree upon a candidate elected that night. There is some really good material in this Lodge, which, if perfectly instructed, would make bright lights in our order. The records here are very well kept. Am under obligations to the members for the hospitable treatment received during my stay.

On the 21st May I attended a Called Communication of Alachua Lodge No. 26, at Newnansville. This Lodge is greatly reduced in members, and has not had the benefit of a Grand Lodge officer in years. It was no surprise, therefore, to find its members rather crude. I instructed them in the manner of opening and closing the Lodge, and gave them such general information as my limited time would permit. The records here were not properly kept, none appearing since the latter part of 1876.

On May 22d, I met with Gainesville Lodge No. 41, at a Regular Communication. This Lodge deserves great credit for the notable improvements in the last few years. It is gaining a large and intelligent membership, who are indeed required to be "worthy and well qualified." I conferred the third degree and witnessed the conferring of the E. A. degree by the officers of the Lodge, and am pleased to say that the work was well done, and comes nearer to the requirements than any I have witnessed. The records are in excellent order, and the attendance generally is good. The Brethren treated me very kindly, and have my thanks.

On June 11th, I visited Leesburg Lodge No. 58, a goodly membership being present. I instructed them upon work generally, and exemplified the third degree upon a candidate elected at their previous Regular Communication. The records, etc., were not in a commendable condition. With the officers of the present year, I, however, expect a marked improvement in the administration of this Lodge.

December 7th—I met with Friendship Lodge 53, without previous notice, but it was their annual election day, and I found a majority of the Brethren in attendance. A certain apathy existed here among the members during the year, and they had but few meetings in consequence thereof; but the election of Worshipful Brother Henry W. Long to the East is sufficient guarantee of the revival of this Lodge during the present year. Had material to exemplify the

Master's degree here. The records are correctly kept. Peace and harmony prevail among the Brethren.

December 27th—I attended a joint meeting of Orange Spring 56 and Marston Lodge 49, at Orange Spring, and publicly, in the presence of a large audience, installed the officers of the two Lodges. This being done, we repaired to an adjoining building, where a sumptuous repast was spread and heartily enjoyed by all present.

On the same day Marion Lodge No. 19 had a joint meeting with Friendship 53, at their Hall in Ocala. Thus the brethren of Marion County had a grand re-union on this festival day. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

On January 11th, 1879, I visited Pine Lodge 82, situated in the "Piney-woods" of Sumter County. This little handful of Brethren, (less than ten,) are steadily and zealously at work for the promotion of the principles of our order. The records are correctly and very neatly kept. Much credit is due to the Master, brother Henry E. Martin, and as long as he continues at the head, there is no danger of any indifference or innovations creeping in. I gave them all encouragement, coupled with some hints as to their conduct as Masons outside the Lodge-room.

With Marion No. 19 at Ocala, I met regularly, and though having paid them no visit "officially," am in position to know the condition of this Lodge. It is, financially, in good standing, and they have a steady and attentive membership. Their Lodge Hall is splendidly and completely furnished, and records well kept. No worthy applicant for charity is allowed to depart empty-handed.

Early after my return from the last Grand Lodge Communication, I opened a correspondence with Brother F. M. McMelkin, the last Master of Orange Creek Lodge 54, in reference to the revival of Masonry in that locality. I offered my services to visit and work with the Brother if he

thought any good could be effected. From a letter received from the Brother January 1st, I regret to learn that the few active Brethren there had concluded to surrender the charter. I sincerely trust that, at no very distant day, a Lodge may be permanently established in that steadily growing section of our State.

I regret very much that circumstances prevented my visiting all the Lodges in the District. With one exception, I visited all, except those in Putnam County, which are more accessible, and geographically belong to the Fourth District.

Before closing, I desire to publicly acknowledge a donation of five dollars by brother M. Pollitzer, of Beaufort, S. C., to the relief of Mrs. Minnie Slager, which I forwarded to the Grand Secretary immediately after receipt.

Fraternally submitted,

SIMON BENJAMIN,

D. D. Grand Master, Fifth District.

JANUARY, 1879.

The following report of W.·. B. M. Simms, D. D. G. M. of the Seventh Masonic District, was read, received, and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Logde of the State of Florida:

In obedience to the duty imposed upon me as District Deputy Grand Master, I would respectfully beg leave to submit the following report of my official acts for and during the year just closed.

In October, 1878, I visited Orlando Lodge No. 69, and assisted in raising a Brother to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. I found that Lodge in very good working order, and peace and harmony prevailing. I regretted to

find that they had no Hall of their own, and were holding their meetings in the court-house.

In November, I visited Orange Lodge No. 36, and installed their Master elect. Their books are well and neatly kept, and the Lodge in fine working order. They have better facilities for instruction than any Lodge in the District, the Deputy Grand Master, Z. H. Mason, being a regular attendant.

On the 27th of December I visited Fort Mason Lodge No. 65. They had previously arranged for a pic-nic and public installation of officers, which was a perfect success, although the weather was very cold. They had a bountiful and sumptuous dinner, which was enjoyed by the whole audience. I then publicly installed the officers elect. The members then assembled in their Hall, when I made my official visit. Their records are well kept, and the officers and members appear to be very zealous in the cause of Masonry. They have one great drawback: their Hall is not comfortable, or fit to meet in. They have been making some efforts to build one, but say they are not able.

All of which is most respectfully
and fraternally submitted,
BLUFORD M. SIMS,
D. D. G. M. Seventh Masonic District.

P.·.G.·.M.·. A. J. Russell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That, in view of the geographical situation of the several Lodges located in Putnam County, that all of them be placed in the Fourth Masonic District.

A special report, presented by the Committee on Finance and Accounts, was received and adopted, as follows:

To the M∴ W∴ Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Accounts, to which was referred applications for the remission of dues of the following-named Lodges, to wit: Volusia No. 77, Fort Mason No. 65, Dawkins No. 60, and Rousseau No. 39, beg leave to report that, having heard the brethren representing said Lodges as to their several grievances, and having carefully considered the same, we would not recommend it as expedient or proper to remit the dues of said Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. B. TAYLOR,
HUGH A. CORLEY, } *Committee.*
R. J. PERRY,

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M∴ W∴ Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to make the following report: We have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Annual Communication, and find the only business deferred to this Communication is the proposed Constitutional Amendments to sections 14 and 16 of article 10; also of section 24 of article 10.

Your Committee trust that a final disposition will be made of these proposed amendments at this Communication. We furthermore find that the following matters were referred to committees to report at this Grand Communication:

FIRST. In relation to the unsettled finances of P∴G∴ Treasurer D. L. Oakley.

SECOND. To review a Manual, presented at the last Grand Communication, for the use of the particular Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction.

THIRD. To procure a P.·.G.·. Master's Jewel to be presented to M.·.W.·. Brother E. Wasgate, and to request his photograph, to be placed in the Grand Lodge.

We note that R.·.W.·. Brother D. C. Dawkins is the chairman of the above Committees, and bearing in mind the faithful manner in which this Brother discharges any and all duties imposed on him, we are confident that those matters have had his attention, and will be reported to you in due time.

Fraternally submitted,

SIMON BENJAMIN,
JOHN S. LIVINGSTON,
J. J. COMBS,
A. W. C. TRICE,
} *Committee.*

A petition was presented by Brother J. S. Edwards, as follows:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

The W.·.M.·. and Brethren of Ornan Lodge No. 37 desire to change the hours for holding their Communications from 10 o'clock a. m. on the third Saturday of each month, to 8 o'clock p. m.

The followihg resolution was presented by P.·.G.·.M.·. A. J. Russell, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That Duval Lodge No. 18 be permitted to amend its By-Laws so as to incorporate articles of Life Membership: provided, that nothing in such articles shall ever excuse the Lodge, or a life member thereof, from liability for annual dues to this Grand Lodge.

On motion adopted: Friendship Lodge No. 53 is al-

lowed to amend their By-Laws to change the time for holding their Communication from the first Saturday 3 o'clock p. m., to early candle light on the evening preceding the full moon in each month.

Brother W. E. Anderson presented the following resolutions, which were received, and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That a standing committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master, to constitute a "Committee on Work," who shall be exempt from all other committee duty, and whose duty it shall be at each Grand Communication to lecture upon and exemplify the work in the three degrees.

Resolved, That this committee shall be renewed in the following manner: At each alternate Grand Communication there shall be one new member appointed and one retired, in regular succession, so that there shall always be upon the committee two members who are familiar with the work approved by this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary presented the Dispensation and other documents of King's Ferry Lodge U. D., which were referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

Appeals of William Hope and David Hope *vs.* Brooksville Lodge No. 30, from sentences of expulsion, were referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

R.·.W.·. Z. H. Mason offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to wit:

Resolved, That the true intent and meaning of section 10, article 8 of the Constitution, in relation to dues, when the fees and dues are remitted by the Lodges, is the same as that in case of Ministers of the Gospel.

The Grand Secretary presented the following Annual Report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts:

To M.·.W.·. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Seven hundred copies of the proceedings of your last

Annual Communication were printed, at a cost of $303, and the usual complimentary distributions were promptly made, leaving a reasonable number of copies on hand.

While engaged in superintending the printing, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary in Louisiana asking an explanation of our regulation concerning the Masonic Apron, and the *folding* of a piece of paper by way of demonstration sent with the reply, suggested the title page upon the cover of the pamphlet; all the symmetry and significance of which are not likely to be discovered by a mere casual observation.

It is estimated that the printed proceedings of your present assembling will complete a volume, embracing the years 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878 and 1879, being volume V, for which an index will be furnished; and it is hoped that our Lodges have carefully preserved their pamphlets of those years for proper binding and useful reference. And here I offer to the Lodges that, if they will send me their pamphlets, I will have them neatly and substantially bound into a nice volume, for a reasonable price, by a worthy Brother Mason here in that vocation.

It will be remembered that, some years ago, I reported to you a long gap in the manuscript records of the Grand Lodge. It has been filled up during the past year, so that the minutes are complete from the organization in 1830, to date.

For the information of sister Grand Lodges, and all Brethren interested in Masonic Literature, let it be known and remembered, that this Grand Lodge held an Annual Communication in January, 1845, another in December of *that* year, and *none* in 1847. A little thoughtful reading will explain the apparent anomaly of two *Annual* Communications in one year. If any brother who reads this report has, or can obtain, a spare copy of the original printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1830, let him understand that there is a wistful vacuum for it in the Library.

In addition to the regular exchanges of other Grand Bodies, Masonic Periodicals, &c., the following contributions have been made, for which your thanks have been fraternally tendered, to wit: From R. W. Brother George F. Baltzell, P. S. G. W. and P. G. H. P., a lot of proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of previous years, and a number of valuable old Masonic Magazines, by Brother Leon Hyneman, of New York, *his* review of "Masonry in England," and "The Leper and Other Poems," by Mrs. Rebecca Hyneman.

The Postmaster at Peace Creek, in the early part of the year, took it into his head to demand of the Secretary of Bartow Lodge No. 9 his receipt for one of my letters, (registered,) before delivering it to him; by which means I obtained the autograph of that officer; and, whether it should be preserved as an *heirloom* of the Fraternity, might be a question amongst ducklings, for that is all the correspondence that I have been able to pull out of him for two years, and no excuse rendered. All my other correspondence with the Lodges and the Brethren everywhere has been most fraternal and pleasant to me; but severe illness during the months of Summer and Autumn must atone for my shortcomings.

It was my very great pleasure in November and December to pay a fraternal visit to Cedar Key Lodge No. 74, and the Lodges at Key West, Dade No. 14 and Dr. Felix Varela No. 64. The former, though with but two days' notice, paid me the pleasing compliment of a full gathering of its somewhat scattered membership; and the Lodges on the unique and beautiful Island of Key West, which stands in serenity, complacence and composure, far beyond the dominion of His Glittering Majesty, King Frost, each in turn, spread out before me a chaste and sumptuous banquet, at which I was surrounded by a Host of warm-hearted and congenial friends and Brethren. And suffice it to say, that

the occasion of my visit in all its long-to-be-remembered details was fully sufficient to swell with gratitude the heart and affections of one more eminently deserving the honors, and from which I can give the whole Craft the assurance that the Free Masons at Key West know how to appreciate the respectful attention of the officers of this Grand Lodge.

My account for the year is herewith presented.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of Florida:

1879.	Dr.			
January 1,	To amount received ad interim			$380 35
" 3,	To dues of Star Lodge	No. 78	$14 00	
" 13, "	Washington Lodge	2	16 00	
" 14, "	Hillsborough Lodge	25	42 00	
" "	Manatee Lodge	31	47 00	
" "	Hiram Lodge	5	45 00	
" 16, "	Amelia Lodge	47	30 00	
" 17, "	Welborn Lodge	13	18 00	
" 17, "	Halifax Lodge	81	13 00	
" 17, "	Solomon Lodge	20	88 00	
" 18, "	Naval Lodge	24	35 00	
" 17, "	Troy Lodge	73	20 00	
" 20, "	Orange Lodge	36	26 00	
" "	Ezra Lodge	67	19 00	
" "	Marion Lodge	19	39 00	
" "	Dr. Felix Varela Lodge	64	49 00	
" "	Dade Lodge	14	122 00	
" "	Leesburg Lodge	58	51 00	
" "	Escambia Lodge	15	78 00	
" "	Brown Lodge	51	33 00	
" "	Bronson Lodge	7	23 00	
" "	Gainesville Lodge	41	56 00	
" "	Palatka Lodge	34	36 00	
" "	Alachua Lodge	26	15 00	

January 20,	To dues of	Marston Lodge.....	No. 49	$29 00	
"	"	Fort Dade Lodge.....	48	51 00	
"	"	Ancient City Lodge.....	76	42 00	
"	"	Cedar Key Lodge.....	74	29 00	
" 21,	"	Waldo Lodge.....	10	48 00	
"	"	Jackson Lodge.....	1	46 00	
"	"	Harmony Lodge.....	3	18 00	
"	"	Madison Lodge.....	11	22 00	
"	"	Cherry Hill Lodge.....	12	14 00	
"	"	Perry Lodge.....	17	23 50	
"	"	Withlacoochee Lodge...	22	25 00	
"	"	Crawfordville Lodge....	23	21 00	
"	"	Micanopy Lodge.....	29	44 00	
"	"	Jefferson Lodge.....	33	30 00	
"	"	Mikesville Lodge.....	35	23 00	
"	"	Ornan Lodge.....	37	17 00	
"	"	Rousseau Lodge.....	39	41 00	
"	"	Orion Lodge.....	40	21 00	
"	"	Bradford Lodge.....	42	33 00	
"	"	Hayward Lodge.....	45	26 00	
"	"	Shiloh Lodge.....	50	36 00	
"	"	Lake Butler Lodge.....	52	29 00	
"	"	Pasco Lodge.....	55	32 00	
"	"	Orange Spring Lodge...	56	31 00	
"	"	Mellonville Lodge.....	62	25 00	
"	"	Fort Mason Lodge.....	65	32 00	
"	"	Suwannee Lodge.....	71	19 00	
"	"	Volusia Lodge.....	77	18 00	
"	"	Pine Lodge.....	82	13 00	
"	"	Pine Land Lodge.....	86	17 00	
"	"	Stephens Lodge.....	43	27 00	
"	"	Dawkins Lodge.....	60	20 00	
"	"	Volusia Lodge.....	77	14 00	
"	"	Campbellton Lodge.....	57	16 00	
					$2,254 85

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January 21, By cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers..... 2,254 85

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts:

1878. Dr.

January 8, To balance on hand.....$2,315 82

1879.

January 22, To cash received from Grand Secretary.2,254 85

$4.570 67

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January 9, by cash to—		No. Voucher.	
	W M McIntosh, Jr	1	14 30
"	W T Webster	2	14 30
"	S Pasco	3	11 00
"	J M Barco	4	11 00
"	S M Sparkman	5	18 50
"	E Earle	6	9 00
"	J Ellenwood	7	11 00
"	J W Campbell	8	9 50
"	J Fogarty	9	35 00
"	Geo E Wentworth	10	85 00
"	J Carlovitz	11	95 00
"	J H Sappington	12	12 65
"	Thos S Swaim	13	6 00
"	C J Allred	14	12 25
"	Luther McConihe	15	6 00
"	J T Godfrey	16	11 00
"	D Redd	17	15 25
"	G S Hallmark	18	85 00
"	F P Olmsted	19	10 25
"	J Potsdamer	20	9 00
"	J S Whitney	21	10 50
"	A E Burnside	22	15 50
"	E Harrison	23	7 00
"	R B Waller	24	12 50
"	W A Evans	25	9 00
"	W H L Townsend	26	9 80
"	G P Bailey	27	17 25
"	G M Gunnells	28	11 00
"	C A Mallory	29	18 50
"	W F Bynum, Jr	30	10 00
"	M Endel	31	9 50
"	J M Johns	32	7 50
"	N W McDonald	33	11 70
"	W F Sylvester	34	10 75
"	J R Richard	35	11 00
"	W C Sumner	36	15 00
"	H C Martin	37	11 50
"	J Dewey	38	11 50

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		No. voucher.		
January 9, by cash to—				
"	I P Hardee	39	$11 50	
"	J M Talbert	40	9 50	
"	J S Livingston	41	11 00	
"	T H Herndon	42	17 25	
"	Jno R Herndon	43	8 00	
"	J T Cauthen	44	9 25	
"	A C Martin	45	15 25	
"	M M Escassí	46	35 00	
"	H Starrat	47	6 60	
"	H J Stewart	48	10 75	
"	W R Moore	49	10 00	
"	S Stephens	50	11 00	
"	J I Gore	51	12 50	
"	J W DeWitt	52	7 50	
"	J A Hildreth	53	9 00	
"	E B Sparkman	54	16 00	
"	A W C Trice	55	15 50	
"	H E Martin	56	17 25	
"	Geo W Epperson	57	8 80	
"	E Wasgate, G. M.	58	6 00	
"	D L McKinnon, D. G. M.	59	20 00	
"	Z H Mason, S. G. W.	60	17 25	
"	Geo R Jones, J. G. W.	61	6 00	
"	Hy Robinson, G. T.	62	50 00	
"	W B Taylor, D. D. G. M.	63	20 00	
"	W A McLean, D. D. G. M.	64	6 00	
"	W A Gilbert, D. D. G. M.	65	16 00	
"	J Penny, G. Chaplain	66	40 00	
"	C A Fulwood, G. Orator	67	75 00	
"	S Benjamin, S. G. D	68	12 25	
"	M N Parcells, G. Tyler	69	10 00	
"	Jacksonville Chapter, rent	70	20 00	
"	J P Terry Lodge, No. 12	71	6 00	
"	D C Dawkins, Grand Secretary	72	800 00	
"	N K Sawyer, printing	73	270 00	
"	T Ball, work	74	7 00	
"	Expenses Grand Treasurer's Office	75	1 45	
"	D C Dawkins, balance salary	76	200 00	
"	D C Dawkins, expenses	77	78 27	
"	Gibson & Dennis, printing	78	28 00	
"	J O Boag, binding	79	2 50	
Balance on hand			1,946 70	
Total,.				$4,570 57

R.·.W.·. Brother W. B. Taylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the election of Grand Officers be set down for 11 o'clock a. m. on to-morrow.

On motion adopted: A proposition to change the Regular Communications of Bronson Lodge No. 7 from the third Friday to the first and third Fridays in each month was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

On motion adopted: The M.·.W.·. Grand Master appointed the following special Committee to award the prizes tendered on Lodge Returns, to wit: Brothers Z. H. Mason, W. E. Anderson, J. Ira Gore, A. J. Lea, and W. B. Taylor.

Brother L. Jacobs offered the following resolution as a general regulation, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts, to wit:

Resolved, That no money shall be appropriated by this Grand Lodge until the land is purchased for a site for a Masonic Hall, and the building erected thereon, except it be for Masonic benevolence, or the contingent expenses of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

5879, January 22, 10 a. m.

Present, M.·.W.·. William A. McLean, Grand Master, and others, as at last evening's session, and W.·. Brother B. M. Sims D. D. G. M. of the Seventh District.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Prayer by the

Grand Chaplain. The minutes of last evening's session were read and confirmed.

On motion, adopted: A proposition to change the By-Laws of Waldo Lodge No. 10, so as for the Regular Communications of said Lodge to be hereafter held at 7 p. m., instead of 10 a. m., was approved.

A question as to whether the name of R. M. Elzey should be stricken from the list of members of Brown Lodge No. 51, on account of his being a charter member of Bronson Lodge No. 7, was referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

On motion, adopted: Naval Lodge No. 24, and Palatka Lodge No. 34, are, respectively, authorized to elect Senior Wardens of said Lodges to fill vacancies therein.

Bro. R. J. Perry offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to wit:

Resolved, That Regulation No. 256 be amended so as to read thus: "In all cases of conviction for Masonic offences, a vote of two-thirds of all the members present shall be required to suspend or expel, and a majority only for a reprimand."

The following Brethren, holding proper credentials, were duly received with the Grand Honors of Masonry, as Grand Representatives in this Grand Jurisdiction, to wit:

For the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of—

Indian Territory—M.·.W.·. A. J. Russell.
Prince Edward Island—R.·.W.·. Daniel L. McKinnon.
South Carolina—R.·.W.·. Henry W. Long.
New Hampshire—R.·.W.·. George S. Hallmark.

R.·.W.·. Brother H. A. Corley offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do proceed to exemplify the work in one or more degrees at this evening's session.

The Grand Lodge, after a short recess, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the present Masonic year, with the following result, all the elections being declared unanimous, to wit:

M.·.W.·. William A. McLean, Grand Master, (re-elected.)

R.·.W.·. William E. Anderson, Deputy Grand Master.

R.·.W.·. George S. Hallmark, Senior Grand Warden, (re-elected.)

R.·.W.·. Jeremiah Fogarty, Junior Grand Warden, (re-elected.)

R.·.W.·. Henry Robinson, Grand Treasurer, (re-elected.)

R.·.W.·. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

Rt. Rev. John Penny, Grand Chaplain, (re-elected.)

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master appointed W.·. Brothers W. A. Evans, L. Jacobs and H. A. Corley a committee to confer the degree of Actual Past Master upon such eligible Brethren in attendance, as desire to receive the same.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter:

Jacksonville, Fla., January 20, 1879.

R.·.W.·. DeWitt C. Dawkins, G. S. G. Lodge, Florida, F. and A. M.

Dear Sir and Brother: In the Proceedings of last year, page 504, is the following resolution:

Resolved, That M.·.W.·. Enos Wasgate, Grand Master, be requested to furnish the Grand Lodge with his photograph, to be placed in the Grand Lodge room.

Desiring to furnish the best reflection of myself possible, I employed the best artist to be found during my sojourn North last summer, and the result of that visit you will

find in the accompanying package, which, I hope, will be satisfactory.

With sentiments of profound esteem for yourself, and every individual member of the Grand Lodge,

I remain Fraternally yours,

ENOS WASGATE.

With the foregoing letter, the Grand Secretary presented the excellent likeness of M.·.W.·. Brother Wasgate, which was received with gratification and placed in the Galaxy.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report of W.·. Bro. Andrew Scott, D. D. G. M., First District, which was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida:

I respectfully submit the following as my official report for the past Masonic year.

On the 23d day of March last I visited Campbellton Lodge No. 57, which had been in a languishing condition for several years past, and found that no officers had been elected for the present year. Under dispensation, an election was held, officers elected and regularly installed during the day. The officers elected are young, active Masons, and from what I observed on a subsequent visit to the Lodge, some months afterwards, I think there are strong indications that it is reviving from its former lethargy, and will soon take its favorable standing among the Lodges of the State.

The recent bad condition of this Lodge is attributable in a very large degree, to the death of some of its most active and prominent members, and the removal from the locality

of others, rather than from a want of interest upon the part of the Craft; and I would recommend indulgence on the part of the Grand Lodge in regard to their dues, especially since some of their funds have been lost by the death of one of their brethren, who was Secretary at the time of his death.

Visited Coe Lodge in November, and, on account of the death of the W. M., Brother Isaac C. Robinson, who had been Master of it for a number of years, I did not find it in as good condition as I expected; but hope the election of another Master will bring them into active zealous work again, as they have good material from which to select another.

In November, I also visited Harmony and Chipola Lodges. Regret to say that I did not find either as prosperous and active as I would have desired, especially Harmony Lodge, which should be, from its locality, the best working Lodge in the County. Yet, when it meets, which is not regular by any means, as I am informed, there is a smaller attendance than in any other Lodge in the District. Chipola Lodge is somewhat better; and whenever there is an initiation now it is of good material, which I regard as a good indication of its future prospects.

At the time I intended visiting the other Lodges in my District, sickness in my family prevented me from doing so, but they are doing well under the financial pressure that surrounds them.

I was present and affiliated at the burial services of Brother Isaac Robinson, above mentioned.

Regret that circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from visiting the other Lodges in my District, and from visiting often those I did visit.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ANDREW SCOTT, D. D. G. M.

The Grand Secretary presented the following from the Secretary of Santa Rosa Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Question by Santa Rosa Lodge No. 16: A Brother was suspended in 1870 for non-payment of $18 dues for the term of six months, under the Constitution of 1862. In 1879 the delinquent petitions for re-instatement. What is the present standing of the delinquent, he being suspended only? And what is required, under the new Constitution, to re-instate the delinquent, and the amount he must pay?

JOHN CARLOVITZ, Secretary.

Lodge dues are $4 per annum.

W.·. Brother R. J. Perry offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the accompanying papers, coming jointly from the Masons and Odd Fellows at Key West, setting forth a system of mutual life indemnity, originated by them, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, with the request that, if in accordance with their judgment, they report the recommendation and endorsement of this Grand Lodge.

A charitable contribution of $25.96 was raised, and placed in the hands of Brother E. S. Tyner, W.·.M.·. of Madison Lodge No. 11, for delivery to the beneficiary.

On motion, adopted, R.·.W.·. Brother George R. Jones was requested to exemplify the third degree at the evening session.

The Grand Lodge, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was called to refreshment until 7.30 p. m.

5879, January 22, 7.30 p. m.

Present, M.·.W.·. William A. McLean, Grand Master, and others, as at the morning session.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Prayer by the

Grand Chaplain. The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

On motion, adopted: Orion Lodge No. 40 is authorized to elect officers for the present Masonic year, and to have them duly installed.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence find it impracticable to present a review of the proceedings of all the Grand Bodies with whom we are in Fraternal Communion, and, therefore, direct your attention to such matters only as of necessity demand your special notice and attention.

We are not prepared to recommend any change of your action last year relating to Free Masonry on the Island of Cuba, but simply express the hope that our Brethren there may, ere long, adjust their differences, and harmonize the Craft upon the pure principles of Masonic government, remembering that their material strength and usefulness depends very greatly upon unity of action in their grand battle array against all the enemies of moral and intellectual freedom and purity.

A Grand Lodge was formed in the Territory of New Mexico, August 7, 1877, by a Convention duly assembled, at Santa Fe, of three Regular Lodges, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. M.·.W.·. William W. Griffin, of Santa Fe, was elected Grand Master, and R.·.W.·. David J. Miller was elected Grand Secretary. The organization and proceedings appear to be regular, and with great pleasure we offer the appended resolution of recognition and Fraternal amity.

We have a report from New South Wales, representing that a number of Lodges there have organized a Grand Lodge, which solicits your recognition, to which the Grand

Lodge of Scotland objects, upon the grounds of alleged irregularities. Your Committee deem it prudent to postpone definite action for further consideration.

Some difficulties of a serious nature have arisen between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland. It appears that Scotland had chartered one or more Lodges in the British Province, *now* known as Quebec, prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in 1854, over that Territory; that said Lodge or Lodges, with the consent of the Grand Lodge of Canada, continued allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and fell within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec upon its organization in 1869. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, ignoring the compact or treaty of the older Grand Lodges, demanded a surrender of said Lodge or Lodges to its supreme and exclusive authority and jurisdiction, to which Scotland demurred. As a result, the Masonic amity between those two Grand Lodges has been severed; and the Grand Lodge of Scotland has gone so far as to declare the Grand Lodge of Quebec irregular, and perhaps clandestine, that the Province of Quebec is, therefore, Masonically vacant territory, and it assumes the right to establish Lodges there. It evidently appeared to our Brethren in Scotland, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec asserted its authority over the said Lodge or Lodges, at an attempted sacrifice of an old established treaty between the pre-existing authorities; yet, it appears to your Committee that the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland goes beyond a warrantable extremity, from which we would like to see them gallantly recede; for, certainly, any one regular Grand Lodge can scarcely be said to be clothed with the arbitrary power to demolish another Grand Lodge of equal sovereignty; and, therefore, reason may be lost and true dignity may be lowered in the attempt made and persisted in. Let the tenets and cardinal virtues prevail, and let wise men be guided by the wise

admonition to little children to *let not their angry passions rise.*

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS, C. C. F. C.

Appended resolution—

RESOLVED, That the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico, of which M.·.W.·. William W. Griffin is Grand Master and R.·.W.·. David J. Miller is Grand Secretary, be recognized as regular, and that an exchange of Grand Representatives is hereby solicited.

The foregoing report and the appended resolution were unanimously adopted.

The special Committee, to whom was referred the question as to the status of certain brethren of Stella Lodge No. 83, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M.·.W.·. GRAND MASTER and Officers and Members of the M.·.W.·. G. L. of Florida:

BRETHREN: The Special Committee, to whom was referred the action of certain Brethren at the rooms of Stella Lodge No. 83, in reference to the procuring of suitable lots in Jacksonville upon which to erect a Grand Lodge Hall, and for other laudable purposes, beg leave to report that we commend the zeal of W.·. Brother Jacobs, and others, in this direction, and recommend that each particular Lodge in the Jurisdiction take similar steps toward this object, and that all such amounts raised be paid over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt, and that he be requested to keep a separate account of such fund; and when it shall have reached such amount as to be available for loan, that he, in consultation with the Grand Master, so invest it as to make the largest increase possible, and report condition of such sum from time to time, as may be required.

Your Committee beg further to say that one of the most desirable ends to be attained in our financial relations is,

for the Grand Lodge to own such a piece of property in this city, as that the rents received from it may defray its legitimate expenses, and relieve the particular Lodges from any tax whatever. That this would result from the ownership of such property your Committee have no doubt, and would urge that the spirit manifested by Brother Jacobs and his Brethren, if universal in the Jurisdiction, would soon bring it about; and we earnestly ask our Brethren to move in the matter, and report whatever amounts may be raised at once to the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

A. J. RUSSELL, } *Committee.*
ELIAS EARLE, }

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

Brethren: Your Committee on Education would report that they have carefully examined the returns and find the following work done in this direction by particular Lodges:

Santa Rosa Lodge No. 16 gives the lower part of its Hall for school purposes, which school has two hundred pupils.

Alachua No. 26 does the same.

Jefferson No. 33 appropriates $5 toward schooling one child.

Pasco No. 55 gives lower part of Hall for school purposes.

Brown Lodge No. 51 does the same.

Ezra Lodge does the same.

This would appear small, but when we remember the public facilities for school privileges, it will be at once seen there is but little left for effort on the part of the

Fraternity in this direction. Your Committee would suggest, however, that, as noble a work as any in which they might engage is in the exercise of their privileges as citizens, and in the discharge of their duties, to give their whole influence in behalf of a liberal education of the whole people.

The detail of work in this field is to see that the orphan or the child of the indigent Brother is supplied with the necessaries, enabling them to avail themselves of the provision made by the public authorities, and see to it that they improve it.

As recognized sons of light, who require a study of the liberal arts and sciences, it should be one of our choicest duties to dispel the darkness of ignorance and superstition, and assist the whole people to emerge into the glorious light, which is the offspring of a cultured mind.

We especially commend those Lodges which are doing all required of them.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. RUSSELL,
E. S. TYNER,
W. A. EVANS,
N. R. CARTER,
LIONEL JACOBS, } *Committee.*

R.·.W.·. Brother Z. H. Mason donated to the Grand Lodge Library two books, to wit: Dalchous, Ahiman Reson, and Moore's Masonic Trestle-Board, which were received, and a rising vote of thanks tendered for the same.

The Special Committee on Premiums presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Florida:

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of Premiums to the different Lodges for the handsomest and most correct returns, beg leave to report as follows:

They have carefully examined the returns, and award the first premium of $5 to Amelia Lodge No. 47; second premium of $4 to Ancient City Lodge No. 76; third premium of $3 to Santa Rosa Lodge No. 16. Fourth premium of $2 each was awarded to the following five Lodges; Jackson No. 1, Bronson No. 7, Manatee No. 31, Marion No. 19, and Gainesville No. 41. Fifth premium of $1 each was awarded the following ten Lodges: Orion No. 40, Palatka 34, Jefferson 33, Fort Dade 48, Leesburg 58, Solomon 20, Dade 14, Cedar Keys 74, Dr. Felix Varela 64, Marston 49.

Z. H. MASON,
W. E. ANDERSON,
A. J. LEA,
J. IRA GORE,
W. B. TAYLOR,
} *Committee.*

W.·. Brother S. Benjamin, of Marion Lodge No. 19, donated the $2 awarded to his said Lodge on Return, to the Masonic Hall Fund.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received, and the recommendations adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws respectfully submit the following report:

We recommend that Bronson Lodge No. 7 be permitted to change their time of meeting from the third Friday to the first and third Fridays in each month, in accordance with their request.

We further recommend that Palatka Lodge No. 34 be authorized to elect a Senior Warden, the one elected at their last general election having left their Jurisdiction.

The Committee heartily recommend the approval of the several dispensations granted by our most Worshipful

Grand Master—such as are contained in his Annual Address for the past Masonic year.

We cheerfully endorse the action taken by our Most Worshipful Grand Master in restoring the charter to the Brethren of Volusia Lodge No. 77; also to duplicating charters to Putnam No. 61, Franklin No. 6, and Rousseau No. 39, the original charters having been lost or destroyed by fire.

We also approve the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in allowing Halifax Lodge No. 81 to change their location from Port Orange to Daytona.

We have carefully examined the records of King's Ferry Lodge U. D., and respectfully recommend the granting of a charter to the following Brethren, who have been duly recommended as officers: Lucien P. Tracy, W.·.M.·. Etheldred D. Clark, S.·.W.·. Lewis A. Davis, J.·.W.·. and the uniform code of By-Laws be approved as presented.

While Your Committee endorse the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in approving the change of By-Laws permitting Solomon Lodge No. 20 to make life-members, we would respectfully suggest that the communication of that Lodge offering the loan of funds to this Worshipful Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts; not deeming ourselves sufficiently posted as to the financial condition of this Grand Lodge to recommend the same, either for acceptance or refusal.

We also respectfully recommend that Escambia Lodge No. 15 be allowed to amend their By-Laws so as to admit life-members.

Fraternally,

J. FOGARTY,
W. FOX,
S. H. BENJAMIN, } *Committee.*
J. O. BOAG,
A. C. MARTIN,

On motion, adopted: The privileges granted to Duval

Lodge No. 18, relative to life-membership, were also granted to Escambia Lodge No. 15 and Naval Lodge No. 24.

A book, entitled Mason's Monitor, was, in the name of Madison Lodge No. 11, donated to the Grand Lodge Library, and a vote of thanks tendered.

The premiums awarded to Dade No. 14, Bronson Lodge No. 7, and Leesburg Lodge No. 58, were, severally, donated to the Masonic Hall Fund.

Brother L. Jacobs donated $5, to be deducted from his mileage and per diem, to the Masonic Hall Fund.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Florida:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts ask leave to report that they have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find the accounts to be correct and properly supported by the vouchers, and the books to be neatly and correctly kept:

The cash on hand at last report was	$2,315 82
Received from Grand Secretary since	2,254 85
Total	4,570 67
Disbursed	2,623 97
Balance on hand	1,946 70

We have examined, find correct, and recommend the payment of the following bills:

For printing the Proceedings of Grand Lodge	$303 90
For postage, stationery, expenses of library, &c	89 97
For Past Grand Master's jewel	90 00

We also recommend the payment of salaries, per diem, and mileage, as per pay-roll hereunto appended.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. HALLMARK
WM. B. TAYLOR,
HUGH A. CORLEY,
R. J. PERRY,
} Committee.

Pay-Roll of Lodges.

Lodges.	Number.	To whom allowed.	Miles.	Mileage.	Days.	Per diem.	Total.
Jackson	1	H. A. Corley	166	$8 30	3	$6 00	$14 30
Harmony	3	Theo. West	238	10 90	3	6 00	16 90
Hiram	5	Samuel Pasco	140	7 00	3	6 00	13 00
Bronson	7	H. P. Jackson	100	5 00	3	6 00	11 00
Waldo	10	S. J. Kennard	60	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
Madison	11	E. S. Tyner	100	5 00	3	6 00	11 00
Cherry Hill	12	G. B. Ellis	80	4 00	3	6 00	10 00
Welborn	13	Geo. B. Walter	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50
Dade	14	R. J. Perry					53 00
Escambia	15	Geo. E. Wentworth					85 00
Perry	17	T. B. McAuley	135	6 65	3	6 00	12 65
Duval	18	J. O. Boag			3	6 00	6 00
Marion	19	John Cordero	125	6 25	3	6 00	12 25
Solomon	20	L. McConihe			3	6 00	6 00
Withlacoochee	22	J. T. Godfrey	100	5 00	3	6 00	11 00
Crawfordville	23	W. W. Walker	185	9 25	3	6 00	15 25
Naval	24	C. McK. Oerting					85 00
Alachua	26	F. P. Olmsted	85	4 25	3	6 00	10 25
Lake City	27	J. Potsdamer	60	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
Micanopy	29	James Croxton	90	4 50	3	6 00	10 50
Manatee	31	E. Glazier	250	12 50	3	6 00	18 50
Callahan	32	E. Harrison	20	1 00	3	6 00	7 00
Jefferson	33	Thos. H. Edwards	130	6 50	3	6 00	12 50
Palatka	34	W. A. Evans	60	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
Mikesville	35	J. S. Niblack	76	3 80	3	6 00	9 80
Orange	36	Jesse J. Combs	225	11 25	3	6 00	17 20
Ornan	37	J. S. Edwards	100	5 00	3	6 00	11 05
Rousseau	39	M. A. Clontz	80	4 00	3	6 00	10 50
Orion	40	A. McMillan	271	13 55	3	6 00	19 50
Gainesville	41	Marcus Endel	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50
Stephens	43	W. B. Tedder	114	5 70	3	6 00	11 70
Hayward	45	D. B. Howell	95	4 75	3	6 00	10 75
Providence	46		100	5 00	3	6 00	11 00
Amelia	47	W. F. Scott	67	3 35	3	6 00	9 35
Fort Dade	48	W. C. Sumner	180	9 00	3	6 00	15 00
Marston	49	John W. Stephens	110	5 50	3	6 00	11 50
Shiloh	50	Joel Dewey	110	5 50	3	6 00	11 50
Brown	51	N. R. Carter	110	5 50	3	6 00	11 50
Lake Butler	52	Geo. W. Epperson	56	2 80	3	6 00	8 80
Friendship	53	H. W. Long	137	6 85	3	6 00	12 85
Pasco	55	J. A. Taylor	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50
Orange Spring	56	J. S. Livingston	100	5 00	3	6 00	11 00
Leesburg	58	Wm. Fox	225	11 25	3	6 00	17 25
Dawkins	60	J. R. Herndon	40	2 00	3	6 00	8 00
Mellonville	62	A. C. Martin	185	9 25	3	6 00	15 25
Fort Mason	65	E. A. Wilson	216	10 80	3	6 00	16 80
Ezra	67	J. F. Clark	12	60	3	6 00	6 60
Orlando	69	E. A. Richards	207	10 35	3	6 00	16 35
Orient	70	H. J. Stewart	95	4 75	3	4 00	8 75
Suwannee	71	C. E. Flanders	80	4 00	3	6 00	10 00
Troy	73	M. Freese	100	5 00	3	6 00	11 00
Cedar Key	74	J. I. Gore	130	6 50	3	6 00	12 50
Ancient City	76	J. A. Hildreth	60	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
Volusia	77	Thos. F. Drudy	144	7 20	3	6 00	13 20
Star	78	John C. White	230	11 50	3	6 00	17 50
Wakulla	80	A. W. C. Trice	205	10 25	3	6 00	16 25
Halifax	81	J. P. Belden	130	7 50	3	6 00	13 50
Pine	82	David A. Martin	150	7 50	3	6 00	13 50
Stella	83	L. Jacobs	95	4 75	3	6 00	10 75
Land Mark	84	R. R. Strange	70	3 50	3	6 00	9 50
Pine Land	86	J. W. Thomas	65	3 25	3	6 00	9 25
Total							904 10

Pay-Roll of Grand Lodge Officers.

Name.	Grade.	Am't.
W. A. McLean	Grand Master	$6 00
Z. H. Mason	Deputy Grand Master	17 25
Geo. S. Hallmark	Senior Grand Warden	85 00
Jeremiah Fogarty	Junior Grand Warden	53 00
D. C. Dawkins	Grand Secretary	1,000 00
Hy. Robinson	Grand Treasurer	50 00
Wm. M. McIntosh	Junior Grand Deacon	14 30
W. F. Sylvester	Grand Sword Bearer	10 75
J. Penny	Grand Chaplain	40 00
M. N. Parcells	Grand Tyler	10 00
W. B. Taylor	D. D. Grand Master, 3d District	20 00
Simon Benjamin	D. D. Grand Master, 5th District	12 25
Jacksonville R. A. Chapter	Rent of Hall	15 00
B. M. Sims	D. D. G. M.	15 25
W. B. Barnett, bank book		2 00
Total		1,350 80

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in Grand Treasury	$1,946 70	
Due by D. L. Oakley, P. G. T., (estimated)	375 62	
		2,322 32
Expenses ad interim	483 87	
Pay-roll of Lodges	904 10	
Pay of Grand Officers and rent	1,350 80	
		2,738 77
Excess of appropriation		$416 45

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following reports, majority and minority:

MAJORITY REPORT.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence respectfully submit the following report upon the subjects submitted to them:

The Address of D. D. G. M. Andrew Scott, of the First District, gives an account of his labors in the portion of the West visited by him. He has worked amid difficulties and in a field where earnest labor is evidently needed. We trust that the few signs of encouragement noticed by the Brother will increase, and that the Lodges in his District will be revived.

In regard to the Address of D. D. G. M. Simon Benjamin, of the Fifth Dristrict, the Committee find nothing that requires their attention, but commend the report as a faithful and well presented record of diligent and commendable work.

The Committee also have before them the Report of D. D. G. M. Bluford M. Sims, of the Seventh District, and find that the Brother has labored faithfully in a sparsely settled section of the State, requiring him to journey long distances to accomplish his work. We commend his zeal and fidelity, but find nothing in his report that requires the action of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee recommend the approval of the decisions of the Grand Master, marked 1, 2 and 6.

In regard to the third decision, the Committee understand that the petition referred to had never been received by the Lodge, and if so, believe the decision to be in harmony with Masonic law.

As to the decision marked four, the Committee, in the absence of any express Constitutional provision, believe that a Lodge can restore a suspended brother with or without payment of dues, during the period of suspension, according to the circumstances of each particular case, and think that the discretion is wisely left to the Particular Lodges.

The recommendation marked five, to change the Regula-

tion No. 228, so as to exempt a brother suspended for non-payment of dues from his liability for dues during the period of such suspension, is not approved. The Grand Lodge has made the present Regulation after deliberate consideration, and we see no sufficient reason for a change.

The decision of the Grand Master marked seven, removes the Junior Grand Steward "for good and sufficient cause." It appears that the removed officer is under charges in his Lodge, that he has been expelled by his Chapter upon similar charges, and that he there pleaded guilty to the charges.

The majority of the Committee believe that the Grand Master should have only suspended the Brother Steward until his Lodge or the Grand Lodge had taken action upon the charges; and we know of no authority for a removal from office before trial, except in the case of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and that by special Constitutional enactment.

In regard to the decision No Eight, referring to the proposed emergent Lodge for the burial of deceased Brethren under circumstances when a Regular Lodge cannot be convened, Brother Wasgate remains silent, from motives which the Grand Lodge can appreciate. The other members of the Committee understand the feeling of Fraternal sympathy that prompted our Past Grand Master in conducting the funeral rite under the circumstances mentioned in the Grand Master's Address, and make no comments upon this particular case. They find, however, no precedent for the calling of such emergent Lodges, and are not in favor of establishing one under the authority of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee have considered the question of the uniform By-Laws, and believe that the views of the different

members of the Grand Lodge can be harmonized by making the Regulation adopted last year (Proceedings 1878, p. 583) read as follows:

"The Particular Lodges have leave to make such additions to the Uniform Code as may suit their circumstances, or to use in connection with or in lieu of the same, such other by-laws as have been or may be adopted by the Particular Lodges, which are not in conflict with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the same to be subject, as heretofore, to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

The Committee approve of the Uniform Code as a useful body of laws, and believe that it should be sent out to the Particular Lodges as a model code, and its own intrinsic excellence will, no doubt, ultimately cause its adoption by a large majority of them.

The proposition to change Regulation No. 256, is not approved. The Committee know of no good reason for making a change. It requires, under this Regulation, a majority vote to carry a sentence of suspension or expulsion, and we think that this rule meets the ends of justice.

The question from Santa Rosa Lodge No. 16, as to the Masonic status of a Brother suspended in 1870 for the definite period of six months, seems to answer itself. The period of suspension terminated by the limitation expressed in the sentence, and at its termination, it was the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to restore the brother's name to the roll of members, and collect from him the dues as they, from time to time, fell due.

If these dues have not been collected, they should have been, and are now due, from the restored Brother; and Santa Rosa Lodge owes the Grand Lodge for his dues for the years that the Secretary has failed to send his name forward upon the Annual Returns.

The Committee recommend the temporary adoption of a

Regulation embracing the resolution of Brother W. E. Anderson for the establishment of a Committee on Work. We believe that the plan proposed in this resolution will do much to promote uniformity, and suggest an amendment to the Constitution by adding in Article IX a Committee on Work to the Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge permanently organized upon this basis.

The Committee have examined the By-Laws and Regulations of the Mutual Benefit Association, submitted with the resolution of Brother R. J. Perry. We do not, of course, propose to engraft this Association upon the Masonic Order, but such Societies are often the means of great benefit to the widow and orphan; and the officers who have the charge of this institution are, many of them, as we are assured by our Brethren from Key West, Brother Masons, and all are of high standing and character, in whose fidelity our Brethren desiring to interest themselves in such an organization may repose unbounded confidence.

ENOS WASGATE,
S. PASCO,
J. A. HILDRETH,
MARCUS ENDEL, } *Committee.*

MINORITY REPORT.

To M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge:

The undersigned of your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, report that we concur in all of the foregoing Report, except that we are of the opinion that section six, Article six, of the Constitution gives the Grand Master power to remove from office any Grand Officer below the Grand Wardens, for good cause shown, which was done

by the Grand Master in the removal of the Grand Steward.

Fraternally submitted,

E. WASGATE,
M. ENDEL,
HY. ROBINSON, } *Committee.*

The foregoing minority report was adopted as amendatory of the majority report, and majority report was adopted as amended.

The Lodge, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

5879, JANUARY 23, 10 A. M.

Present, M.·.W.·. William A. McLean, Grand Master, and others, as before.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain. The minutes of last evening's session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

M.·.W.·. W. A. MCLEAN, G.·.M.·. and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances beg leave to submit the following report:

In the first case considered, and to which attention was called by M.·.W.·.G.·.M.·. that of John Henderson, a dimitted member of Hamilton Lodge No. 22, which Lodge subsequently became dormant, the question was that of an appeal from the judgment rendered by Withlacoochee Lodge No. 22, charges were preferred against Henderson

for Gross Unmasonic Conduct. He was duly notified to appear before the Lodge for trial. He did appear; was tried in due form, and was convicted and expelled. From this action he appeals, on the ground that, being a dimitted Mason, the Lodge which tried him did not have jurisdiction, notwithstanding the fact that his Masonic home was in their limits. Your Committee think that jurisdiction was with Withlacoochee Lodge, and they therefore recommend that the judgment of the Lodge be affirmed.

In the case of W. M. Saunders, also referred to by the M.·.W.·.G.·.M.·. the Committee find that Saunders, who was a member of Dawson Lodge No. 51, was tried upon charges preferred against him, and acquitted by vote of the Lodge. After this trial, and at a session of the Grand Lodge, a resolution was adopted arresting the charter of Dawson Lodge, presumably for its action in this case, leaving Saunders, while in good standing, without a Masonic Home. At a subsequent date, Saunders applies to the Grand Secretary for a Grand Lodge Certificate to enable him to affiliate with some Lodge. The matter was referred to the Grand Master, who calls attention to the case and asks the action of the Grand Lodge in the premises. Your Committee have carefully considered the matter, and, however much they deem the Lodge in error in not convicting Saunders, they cannot help coming to the conclusion that upon his acquittal, Saunders became restored to all the rights and benefits of the Order, and the action of the Grand Lodge in arresting the charter did not destroy that standing any more than it did the standing of other members of that Lodge; and we would, therefore, recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue him a certificate as requested.

With reference to the cases of organization of Foreign Grand Bodies, your Committee would recommend that this subject be referred to the Standing Committee on For-

eign Correspondence, who can ascertain and report to the M.·.W.·.G.·.M.·. at any time during the year their standing, and upon such report, we think the M.·.W.·.G.·.M.·. would be authorized to act.

In the matter brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge, having reference to the case of the Brother desiring to sever his connection with the Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France, the case presents singular features, and there is apparently no precedent upon which to base action; yet, it does not seem right that a worthy Brother should be deprived of his standing in the Fraternity through no fault of his own, but by the conduct of the Grand Body under whose Jurisdiction he was made, and whose action he repudiates. Your Committee, in view of these facts, would therefore recommend that a dispensation be granted to Escambia Lodge, authorizing that Lodge to heal the Brother (without fee,) and receive him into membership.

Naval Lodge 24 applies for a dispensation to elect and install a Senior Warden, the one elected in December last having been tried and suspended. We recommend that their request be granted, and that dispensation issue without fee.

An appeal was presented to your Committee from a late member of Orion Lodge No. 40. This is the case of a Brother tried upon charges of Unmasonic Conduct. Upon a careful examination of the facts, we cannot find any valid reason for setting aside the action of the Lodge, which, upon the record, appears regular. We therefore recommend that the judgment of the Lodge be affirmed and the appeal dismissed.

There were presented to your Committee papers in a case tried by Brooksville Lodge No. 30. We presume it was contemplated that it should be recognized as an appeal, but fail to find any of the papers that would seem to be

essential in such a case, and we would therefore recommend that the case be dismissed.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. E. WENTWORTH,
THEO. WEST,
JULIUS POTSDAMER,
C. McKENZIE OERTING,
M. A. CLONTS,
} *Committee.*

R.·.W.·. Brother Wm. B. Taylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to correspond with all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, relative to their respective distances from the city of Jacksonville, and to lay the result before the Committee on Accounts at the next Annual Communication.

The special Committee on the matter of R.·.W.·. Brother Daniel L. Oakley, Past Grand Treasurer, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge:

Your Special Committee appointed last year, (see Proceedings 1878, p, 517,) to act upon the account of R.·.W.·. Brother D. L. Oakley, report that, upon conference with that Brother, it was determined that he is indebted to the Grand Lodge in the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars and sixty-two cents, and upon his failure to settle the same, and in obedience to your instruction, the charge and specification hereunto appended have been filed with the Grand Secretary, and a certified copy thereof, under seal of the Grand Lodge, was duly served upon the accused on the 20th day of January, 1879, which is acknowledged by him.

Brother Oakley asks that final action in the case be post-

poned until the next Annual Grand Communication, for his reasons herewith submitted, which we commend to your favorable consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,
S. PASCO,
W. F. SYLVESTER, } *Committee.*

APPENDED CHARGE AND SPECIFICATION.

To the Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida:

BRETHREN: We, DeWitt C. Dawkins, Samuel Pasco, and William F. Sylvester, your Committee, in obedience to your resolution of the last Annual Communication, (see printed Proceedings, 1878, p. 517,) do hereby complain and prefer the following charge and specification against Brother Daniel L. Oakley, Past Grand Treasurer, and a member of the said Grand Lodge, and ask a regular investigation thereof.

D. C. DAWKINS,
S. PASCO,
WM. F. SYLVESTER, } *Committee.*

JANUARY 6, A. L. 5879, A. D. 1879.

Charge: Unmasonic Conduct.

Specification 1. The said Brother Daniel L. Oakley, then being the Grand Treasurer of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida, and a member of said Grand Lodge, did on the 13th day of January, A. L. 5877, A. D. 1877, and within two years prior thereto, wrongfully embezzle and appropriate

to his own use, a certain sum of money, to wit: Say three hundred and seventy-five dollars and sixty-two cents, be the same more or less, and the same being the property of the said Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother George E. Wentworth, adopted: The case of Brother D. L. Oakley was continued until the next Annual Communication, and the Grand Master appointed Brothers Junius Turnbull, H. H. Berry, and Thomas H. Edwards, a Special Committee to take the testimony in the case.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following special report, which was received and adopted:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Florida:

Your Committee on Accounts and Finance respectfully beg leave to report respecting the offer of the Trustees of Solomon Lodge No. 20 to lend to this Grand Lodge the sum of $450, to be used for the purpose of purchasing land on which to erect a building for the Grand Lodge, that the funds so generously tendered cannot at this time be profitably invested or used in the manner proposed, and we therefore recommend that the loan be declined. Nevertheless, your Committee believe that at some future time, such an offer may be thankfully accepted, provided the efforts of the Lodges and Brethren under this Grand Jurisdiction to provide for the erection of a Masonic Hall, be successful.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. HALLMARK,
Wm. B. TAYLOR,
R. J. PERRY,
HUGH A. CORLEY, } *Committee.*

On motion of W. B. Taylor, the Grand Secretary was

directed to furnish the Trustees of Solomon Lodge with a copy of the above report under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

Brother W. Fox offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Jacksonville at H. 12, on the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1880.

A Special Committee on Memento presented the following report, which was received and concurred in:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee, appointed last year to procure a suitable Jewel to be presented at this time to Past Grand Master Enos Wasgate, have performed the duty assigned, and now ask leave to place their selected specimen of work into the hands of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master for presentation.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,
Hy. ROBINSON, } *Committee*
A. J. RUSSELL,

The Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Printing: D. C. Dawkins, L. McConihe, and J. O. Boag.

On Foreign Correspondence: D. C. Dawkins, S. Pasco, and A. J. Russell.

The Committee on Past Master's Degree presented the following report, which was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes:

To M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge:

The Committee appointed to confer the Past Master's degree on such Masters and Past Masters as have not re-

ceived it, have conferred said degree upon the following Brethren, to wit:

H. P. Jackson, Bronson No. 7; S. J. Kennard, Waldo No. 10; John Cordero, Marion No. 19; C. McKenzie Oerting, Naval No. 24; C. A. Wilson, Fort Mason No. 65; J. A. Taylor, Pasco, No. 55.

W. A. EVANS,
H. A. CORLEY, } *Committee.*
L. JACOBS,

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master announced the following appointments, to wit:

Bro. Robert J. Perry - - - Senior Grand Deacon.
" Wm. M. McIntosh, jr., Junior Grand Deacon.
" Wm. A. Evans - - - Grand Marshal.
" J. Ira Gore - - - Grand Standard Bearer.
" Wm. F. Sylvester - Grand Sword Bearer.
" J. F. Drudy - - - Senior Grand Steward.
" Simon H. Benjamin - Junior Grand Steward.
" N. R. Carter - - - Grand Pursuivant.
" Milton N. Parcells - Grand Tyler.

M.·.W.·. William A. McLean, Grand Master, installed the following Grand Officers, to wit:

Bro. Wm. E. Anderson - R.·.W.·. Deputy G. Master.
" W. A. Evans - - - W.·. Grand Marshal.
" J. F. Drudy - - - W.·. Sr. Grand Steward.
" S. H. Benjamin - - W.·. Jr. Grand Steward.
" N. R. Carter - - W.·. Grand Pursuivant.

All the other Grand Officers, being re-elected and re-appointed, hold over without installation.

The Constitutional Amendments heretofore proposed, (see Proceedings 1878, p. 586,) were taken up and put to vote by Lodges with the following result, to wit:

The proposed amendment to section 14 of article X was lost by 147 against 18 votes.

The proposed amendment to section 16 of article X was lost.

The proposed amendment to section 24 of article X was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until 4 o'clock p. m.

5879, January 23, 4 p. m.

Present, M.·.W.·. William A. McLean, Grand Master, and others, as before.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

P.·.G.·.M.·. Wasgate exemplified the work in the E. A. degree.

The Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until 7.30 p. m. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

5879, January 23, 7.30 p. m.

Present, M.·.W.·. William A. McLean, Grand Master, and others, as before.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Most Worshipful Grand Master of G. L. of Florida:

Your Committee on Memorials respectfully submit the following report:

It is with gratitude to the Giver of every good that we are not called on to memorialize the death of any member of this Grand Lodge.

Upon examining the returns, we find that the fell destroyer, Death, has visited many of our Particular Lodges. In that portion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address referred to this Committee, we learn that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has been called on to mourn the death of their M.·.W.·. Grand Master, Frank Welch, and that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has suffered in the death of R.·.W.·. Charles H. Titus, Grand Secretary. The beautiful tribute paid to the memory of these two distinguished Brethren, in foreign Jurisdictions, by our M.·.W.·. Grand Master we cordially endorse.

Fraternally submitted,

H. W. LONG,
E. GLAZIER,
J. T. GODFREY, } *Committee.*

The Grand Secretary presented the following special report:

To M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge:

By virtue of your instruction last year, (see printed Proceedings 1878, p. 506,) a circular was sent to all the Lodges, which reads thus—

Grand Secretary's Office F. and A. M.,
Jacksonville, Fla., February 20, 1878.

To all Free Masons to whom these presents shall come, and especially to the Lodges in Florida:

Brethren: At the Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Florida, held at Jacksonville last month, the following, among other proceedings, took place, to wit:

"A communication from Mrs. Minnie Slager, widow of the late R. W. Bro. Charles Slager, P. J. G. W. of this Grand Lodge, asking relief, was read, and on motion, adopted. The Grand Secretary was authorized and instructed to issue a circular and send the same to all the Lodges, asking, in the name of the Grand Lodge, a contribution for her benefit, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to receive and take charge of all the funds contributed for that purpose, and to appropriate the same in relieving the mortgage-lien upon her homestead, and to report his doings in the premises to the next annual communication."

In obedience to the foregoing instructions, and in the name of our said Grand Lodge, this appeal to your benevolence and charity is made in behalf of the needy widow of a deceased M. Mason, whose good name, character, and much of his good works are imprinted upon your records of the past, to which special allusion need not be made; but of his good works far more has been known, felt and appreciated among the Craftsmen, in their quarries and forests, than appear of record in high places. He was for many long years a successful merchant, and contributed liberally to the support of the Craft, and was one of that kind of Free Masons who could not pass unheeded or unaided any cry of distress sounded in his ear, or any appearance thereof that came within his vision, and he was credulous and charitable, even to a fault, toward his Brother Masons. Adversity in business, however, overtook him, and when called to the Lodge Above, he left a family (wife and daughters) helpless, because of feeble constitution and hitherto exelusive dependence upon him, and penniless, except the proceeds of a life insurance policy, which is nearly exhausted, and the balance of which is submerged into her homestead, upon which there is a mortgage of some, say $600. She has also been driven to the necessity of pledging to a broker articles of family relics for subsistence, which she cannot redeem, worth some $200 or $300. Such is her situation, yea, the condition of a worthy widow and children of such a Brother Mason, and I earnestly solicit, in their behalf, a generous donation, to be applied, if sufficient, first, to relieve their little home of its encumbrance, without which relief, they may soon be homeless; second, to redeem, if sufficient, the relics in pawn, and third, to render her temporary aid to live until she can get along without it.

Yours in bonds of fraternal charity,

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

As a result, contributions were received and disbursements made, as per

STATEMENT.

Gainesville	Lodge No. 41	$10 00	Hiram	Lodge No. 5	$10 00
Hayward	do.....45	15 00	Orange	do.....36	5 00
Pine	do.....82	1 50	Marion	do.....19	20 00
Dade	do.....14	20 00	Leesburg	do.....58	5 00
Ancient City	do.....76	12 00	Lake City	do.....27	3 75
Dr. Felix Varela	do.....64	5 00	Alachua	do.....26	2 35
Escambia	do.....15	5 00	Orlando	do.....69	4 00
Stella	do.....83	14 00	Pine Land	do.....86	5 00
Solomon	do.... 20	25 00	Orange Creek	do.....54	5 00
Callahan	do.....32	5 00	Manatee	do.....31	10 00
Duval	do.....18	20 00	Pasco	do.....55	1 00
Panasofkee	do.....85	10 00	Wakulla	do.....80	3 00
Mellonville	do.....62	10 00	Providence	do.....46	2 10
Fort Dade	do.....48	5 00	Micanopy	do.....29	10 00
Stella	do.....83	50	Withlacoochee	do.....22	10 00
Bradford	do.....42	5 00	S. Pellitzer, Beaufort, S. C.		5 00
Jefferson	do.....33	5 00			
Total receipts					269 20

Paid on mortgage	$103 50	
Paid on mortgage	67 00	
Paid on taxes	27 08	
On hand to balance account	71 62	
		$269 20

The widow's property had been sold for taxes, and that item was paid, with the Grand Master's approval. By far the larger portion of the mortgage lien remains unpaid; and there is another outstanding tax certificate against the property, in the face of which it is considered indiscreet to pay the balance on hand upon other liens.

Some Lodges not embraced in the foregoing list excused themselves (in Brotherly correspondence) upon the ground of financial inability to contribute, while others did not even so much as acknowledge the receipt of the circular, which was sent them a second time, after a long interval, with urgent request to respond in some way.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

On motion adopted. The foregoing report was received and concurred in, and the Grand Secretary was instructed

to disburse the donated funds remaining in his hands to the best interest of the widow, and to inform her that the Grand Lodge could do no more for her.

On motion, adopted: It was left to the discretion of the Grand Master to continue or terminate the dispensation of Old Walton Lodge U. D.

On motion of P.·.G.·.M.·. Wasgate, the Grand Secretary was instructed to procure a seal for the office of Grand Master.

R.·.W.·. Brother Hallmark offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the Committee on Work shall exemplify the work of the first degree on the first day, the second degree on the second day, and the third degree on the third day of the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

R.·.W.·. Brother Anderson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That, in accordance with the recommendation made in the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, the M.·.W.·. Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Standing Committee on Work at this Grand Communication.

R.·. W.·. Brother Long offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase the Medal awarded to Amelia Lodge No. 47.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the other premiums awarded, out of any funds in his hands, not otherwise appropriated.

R.·.W.·. Brother Hallmark offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the owners and proprietors of the St. James Hotel for courtesies extended.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the owners and proprietors of the Carleton House for courtesies extended.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the

Steamers of the Gulf of Mexico and the St. John's and Ocklawaha Rivers, and the several Railroads of the State, for courtesies extended.

The sum of $9.43 was raised as a charitable contribution, and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary for delivery.

On motion adopted: The thanks of Grand Lodge was tendered to Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter for use of Hall.

On motion adopted: The Grand Secretary was authorized to procure a photograph of Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain, Brother John Penny, for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for the same.

M.·.W.·. Brother Wasgate offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Third Masonic District be divided into two Districts, the Suwannee River being the dividing line between the two. That the portion of said Third District west of said River be the Third District, and that all of said District west of said River be the Ninth District.

P.·.G.·.M.·. Dawkins, by request, gave a ritualistic lecture upon the third degree in lieu of exemplification, which was manifestly appreciated.

On motion adopted: Premiums to the amount of $10 are to be awarded on Lodge Returns for the present year as follows, to wit: For the best return, $5; for the second best return, $3; and for the third or next best, $2, to be paid to the Secretaries respectively, who prepare them.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master addressed P.·.G.·.M.·. Enos Wasgate as follows:

Most Worshipful Brother:

It becomes my pleasant duty and exalted privilege to present to you, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, this beauti-

ful Jewel of pure gold, as a token of affection, and as an evidence of the high esteem in which you are held by this Grand Jurisdiction, over which you presided with such marked ability during the two years of your administration. This memento of unfeigned love and sincere affection will not, of itself, bind you more closely to those whose pleasure it is to bestow it; at the same time, it cannot fail to impress the mind and heart as to the motives prompting the act, being nothing less than a substantial expression of gratitude for the exalted privilege of being associated with you in this united Brotherhood, and for the zealous manner in which you have labored for the promotion of the pure principles of the Order.

I speak the sentiment of every Brother when I say that none of your illustrious predecessors ever served the Fraternity with greater fervency and zeal, or ever accomplished more in dispensing true Masonic light than you have been instrumental in doing during your sojourn among us; and by this act of your Brethren you are forcibly reminded that your labor of love has not been in vain.

Receive this Jewel, my Brother, and may you long enjoy the possession of it; even down to old age, may it constantly remind you of happy scenes and pleasant associations; and when this beautiful, well-wrought, highly finished badge of distinction shall cease to be attractive because of Nature's decay, when you shall realize as never before that

> "There is no union here of hearts
> That finds not here an end,"

may you then be comforted by the joyous reflection that

> "Beyond the flight of time,
> Beyond the range of death,
> There is a happy, blessed clime
> Where life is not a breath,"

and as you descend into the dark valley and shadow of dissolving Nature, may you "be revived by the ever green and ever living sprig of faith in the merits of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and by it be strengthened with confidence and composure to look forward to a blessed immortality, and doubt not but in the glorious morn of the resurrection, you shall be admitted to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading, and be with brighter, more substantial, and far more precious jewels adorned, in the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides."

Past Grand Master Wasgate, in accepting the Jewel, responded thus:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

To be the object of special remembrance by those for whom we entertain high and fraternal regard, brings to the heart emotions of no ordinary character; but to be thus distinguished by a token so beautiful, fills me with the most fervent and, I had almost said, reverential feelings of gratitude. Surrounded as I am by those with whom I have worked for the benefit of our Institution, and whose remembrance I value more than this Jewel—these considerations press upon me so heavily that language fails me to give expression to the feelings with which I am controlled.

If the Institution of Free Masonry was benefited during my administration of the high and responsible station you now so ably fill, it was because these feeble hands were upheld and supported by my Brethren.

The standard of excellence intended to be reached in the execution of the important trusts then reposed in me, was never attained; yet, though I failed to reach it, I have the satisfaction of knowing my Brethren fully appreciated my earnest desire to serve them faithfully.

I accept this beautiful Jewel, so generously tendered, and shall treasure it among the choicest of my earthly possessions, and whether my future life be bright and pleasant, or whether it be my lot to wander in the dark gloom of adversity, the recollection of this hour will never be effaced from my memory. And, when it shall please the great Grand Master to call me from this world of trouble and sorrow, this Jewel will pass into the possession of my children, and be by them valued as a precious relic: for, when they look upon it, they will remember their father had the confidence and esteem of his Masonic Brethren, and received the highest honors in their power to bestow.

Accept my warmest thanks, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the kindly feelings which prompted the more than kindly words spoken by you on this occasion.

The foregoing Minutes were read and confirmed.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge, with appropriate prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was closed in ample form.

WM. A. McLEAN, *Grand Master.*

D. C. DAWKINS, *Grand Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

OMITTED IN PROCEEDINGS.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, to wit:

Andrew Scott,	Dist. Deputy Grand Master,	1st	District.
Jesse T. Bernard,	"	2d	"
Wm. F. Sylvester,	"	3d	"
M. A. Fuller,	"	4th	"
C. J. Allred,	"	5th	"
W. B. Henderson,	"	6th	"
Z. H. Mason,	"	7th	"
C. H. Thompson,	"	8th	"
W. B. Taylor,	"	9th	"

KING'S FERRY LODGE.

No. 59.

King's Ferry, Nassau County, Florida.

Chartered January 22, 1879.

OFFICERS:

Lucien P. Tracy, W. M.
Etheldred D. Clark, S. W.
Lewis A. Davis, J. W.

OTHER MEMBERS.

James W. Leigh,
John C. Walker,
James E. Davis,
Josiah Frazier,
Joseph A. Edmondson,
James A. Higgenbotham.

AT REST.

Name.	Lodge.	No.	Date.
Allen H. Bush . .	Harmony	3	Sept. 27, 1878
Isaac C. Robinson . .	Coe	4	Sept. 21, 1878
William Austin . .	Franklin	6	February 13, 1878
John W. Humphries .	"	6	September 8, 1878
Jacob Lind . . .	"	6	February 27, 1878
J. L. Wynn . . .	Waldo	10	February 19, 1878
J. A. D. Ellis . .	Madison	11	November — 1878
D. P. Criswell . . .	Cherry Hill	12	January 23, 1878
John W. Wilson . .	Dade	14	February 2, 1878
John Graham . . .	Dade	14	June 21, 1878
William W. J. Kelly .	Escambia	15	September 3, 1878
Ferd. F. Willis . .	Escambia	15	October 9, 1878
James Haskill . .	Santa Rosa	16	February 21, 1878
Leonidas C. Kirkpatrick	"	16	July 27, 1878
James M. Gould . .	Duval	18	February 4, 1878
C. Duett Oak . .	Duval	18	April 5, 1878
Hollis M. Moody . .	Duval	18	September 4, 1878
Isaac N. Divine . .	Solomon	20	October 8, 1878
William B. Clark . .	Solomon	20	October 8, 1878
James W. Smith, Sr .	Crawfordville	23	April 27, 1878
E. E. Brown . . .	Naval	24	December 3, 1878
Samue C. Craft . .	Hillsborough	25	——————1878
John Pearce . . .	"	25	November —, 1878
William W. Wall .	"	25	April 22, 1878
Thomas J. Fagan . .	Alachua	26	December 6, 1878
Langley Bryant . .	Lake City	27	November 2, 1878
Henry E. Pardee . .	Micanopy	29	September 2, 1878
A. E. Burnside . .	Brooksville	30	December 17, 1878
James A. Mathis . .	Mikesville	35	September 11, 1878
Sherrod Bird . .	Rousseau	39	June 25, 1878
John Sasser . . .	Providence	46	March 3, 1878
M. R. Gohagan . .	"	46	June 18, 1878
William Miller . .	Amelia	47	June 25, 1878
John Friend . . .	Amelia	47	November 29, 1878
C. Dickens Forbes .	Marston	47	March 10, 1878
Peter Hagan Davis . .	Brown	51	November 10, 1878
John M. Robertson .	Leesburg	58	August 20, 1878
John C. Lee . . .	Leesburg	58	October 22, 1878
Benjamin O. Gerard .	Leesburg	58	November 3, 1878
Robert W. Broome . .	Orlando	69	April 14, 1878
Newton A. Lindley .	Ancient City	76	September 28, 1878
George B. Stevens . .	Halifax	81	February 21, 1878
John M. Hires . .	Stella	83	January 10, 1878

REGULATIONS OF 1879.

[As Revised by the Grand Secretary.]

Dispensations.

Dispensations may be granted in the following cases: For public installation of officers. For advancement to the second or third degree, when the applicant is of suitable proficiency, and is about to leave the jurisdiction for a definite or an indefinite period. For public processions other than those of the stated festivals. For the election and installation of Lodge Officers, when the election did not take place at the regular time. To continue the work of a Lodge in the absence of its charter when lost or improperly withheld, or destroyed, until further action. (See pages 603, 604, 505.)

Dues.

Dues are not chargeable during suspension for any cause other than non-payment of dues, execept by Lodge action. (See pages 601, 655.)

Healing.

A Mason hailing from the Grand Orient of France, renouncing his Masonic allegiance thereto, and residing in Florida, may, upon his application, be duly *healed* and affiliated. (See pages 608, 661.)

Life-Membership.

Lodges may incorporate in their By-Laws articles of life membership, which do not conflict with the dues of Lodges to the Grand Lodge. (See page 631.)

Petition.

The petition for initiation of an officer of the United States Army, who is stationed in another Grand Jurisdiction, and here only on a short leave of absence, cannot be received. (See pages 602, 651.)

Trials.

A Lodge is not, in general, required to postpone a trial, when the accused is also charged with infamous violation of municipal law, until the courts have determined; but if the Lodge trial would tend to defeat the ends of legal justice, by actuating an escape, or by creating bias or prejudice in the minds of his peers for or against him, the Masonic investigation should await action of the courts. (See page 600.)

Being under the penalty of suspension is no bar to trial and expulsion for other unmasonic conduct. (See page 601.)

Work.

The Committee on Work, to be appointed by the Grand Master, shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall be retired and one appointed at each Annual Communication, in regular succession, so that there shall always be two members thereof familiar with the approved work of the Grand Lodge. Such committeemen shall be exempt from all other committee duty, and they shall lecture upon and exemplify the work of the three degrees at each Annual Communication — the first degree on the first day, the second degree on the second day, and the third degree on the third day. (See pages 632, 657, 671.)

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Counties—Escambia, Santa Rosa.
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Perry	17	Joseph H. Sappington	Perry.
Duval	18	Jonathan C. Greeley	Jacksonville.
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Jefferson	33	Wm. H. Arendell	Waukeenah.
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The next Annual Communication will be held in the City of Jacksonville, at H.·. 12 on the Third Tuesday in January, 1880.